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High school goes fully remote

Board adopts trigger

By Eileen Kennedy
Staff writer

WARE – At their Jan. 13 meeting, the School Committee unanimously approved a temporary change to all remote learning at the Ware Junior Senior High School due to a growing cluster of students testing positive for COVID-19, and increasing numbers of staff and students who need to quarantine.

They voted to go fully remote at the high school beginning on Thursday, Jan. 14, and returning Monday, Jan. 25. During the meeting School Superintendent Dr. Marlene DiLeo said three students had tested positive for COVID-19, and many more staff and students were quarantining.

This is the first change to all-remote classes for the district during this school year. Ware Middle School had no cases of COVID at this time, and the Stanley M. Koziol Elementary School had one student who has tested positive, so both schools will continue with their hybrid and fully remote learning models.

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New Route 32 bridge planned

Virtual hearing on Feb. 10

By Eileen Kennedy
Staff writer

WARE – On Feb. 10, MassDOT will hold a virtual design public hearing for the new \$9.5 million Three Mile Bridge on Route 32, near the intersection of Old Belchertown Road. The virtual design public hearing will be posted at www.mass.gov/massdot-highway-design-public-hearings. Details of how to access the public hearing aren't available yet.

MassDOT lists the work as beginning this fall, and it will be an extensive project. The entire bridge will be reconstructed, according to the public notice for the hearing. The project involves the replacement of the bridge superstructure and substructure, according to MassDOT. It also involves roadway construction, drainage improvements, upgrading the bridge rail and the replacement of existing sidewalks for the associated roadway, and "geometric improvements" to the intersection of Palmer Road and Old Belchertown Road.

Guardrail will be installed to help keep errant vehicles from



The Three Mile Bridge on Route 32, near Old Belchertown Road, is scheduled to be replaced and the state lists the fall as the start time for the project.

ending up in the Ware River and will be installed on both sides of the roadway. The project will widen both the bridge and the road to meet Federal Highway Administration's design criteria, and there will be new sidewalks on both sides of the bridge. The sidewalks will be ADA accessible.

During Tuesday's SelectBoard meeting, Town Manager Stuart Beckley told SelectBoard members about the public hearing, and said the town was anxious to hear MassDOT's plans for traffic flow during construction.

The geometric improvements include taking the curve out of Route 32 and bringing it

and the intersection with Old Belchertown Road intersection to be a 90-degree angle, which would improve site lines for motorists.

"It's a formidable undertaking," said Ware Department of Public Works Director Gilbert St.

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Board approves cannabis cultivation host agreement

Millyard to gain a business

By Eileen Kennedy
Staff writer

WARE – At their Tuesday meeting SelectBoard members unanimously approved a host agreement with Minuteman Farm

LLC, which plans to build and run a cannabis cultivation operation along the Ware River in the Millyard.

One of the partners, Richard Barry, said the company had a purchase and sale agreement for parcel G of the Millyard on East Main Street.

They plan to build a 15,000-square-foot building,

which they said will have state-of-the-art systems for irrigation and odor mitigation. Ten thousand square feet would be used for cultivation and the other 5,000 would be used for warehousing.

"The site is ideal, it's out of the way," Barry said. The company is also building a similar facility in Belchertown, although that one is being built inside an existing

building, he said.

As many such agreements call for the company will pay the town 3% of its gross sales for five years. The payments are made quarterly.

"We expect to bring in \$15 million a year, so \$450,000, on the low end would be for Ware once it's rolling," Barry said.

There will also be 18 to 20 jobs including cultivators, trimmers

and management positions, he said. "These are good jobs, these are not minimum wage jobs," he said. "These are good jobs with benefits."

Barry said he plans to hold an outreach meeting once he has a floor plan for the building and a site plan to show people. He is

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State may help demolish 114 Main St.

By Eileen Kennedy
Staff writer

WARE – Building Inspector Anna Marques told the SelectBoard at its Tuesday meeting that she is continuing to pressure 114 Main St. LLC, the owner of 114 Main St., to remedy issues at the property as the town works to make sure the building is demolished.

Town Manager Stuart Beckley said local state legislators, State Sen. Anne Gobi, D-Spencer, State Rep. Todd Smola, R-Warren, and State Rep. Donnie Berthiaume, R-Spencer, have put \$300,000 to take the building down in a major funding bill that awaits the governor's signature. If he signs it, that money would go a long way to bringing the building down. "It would be a huge help," Beckley said.

The Community Development Authority also recently voted to put \$23,000 toward an engineered demolition plan for the building to move the process along.

The SelectBoard ordered the building to be demolished by Oct. 1, which hasn't happened yet. The town has been working since the spring to do something about the building as it is holding up construction of the Main Street redesign project, which is funded with state and federal money and overseen by MassDOT.

The project contractors, Ludlow Construction, brought their concerns about the building to the town and MassDOT. The company is concerned once it starts heavy roadway in front of the building, it may collapse due to the vibrations, and they want it taken care of before that work begins. The paving is slated to begin in the spring, but it won't if the building remains untouched.

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Local groups make effort to rename Quabbin Visitors Center

By Melina Bourdeau
Staff writer

BELCHERTOWN – Three local groups are spearheading an effort to memorialize two members of the community who were instrumental in the establishment of the Quabbin Visitor's Center – Leslie and Terry Campbell.

Members of the Pioneer Valley Photographic Artists, Friends of Quabbin and Quabbin Photo Group have formed the Les and Terry Campbell Memorial Committee. The group published its first article in the Friends of the Quabbin winter newsletter explaining how and why the group intends to rename the visitors center.

The group hopes to put up new signage inside and outside the building displaying the new moniker "The Les and Terry Campbell Quabbin Visitors Center."

Following Terry Campbell's death in 2004 and Les Campbell's



Terry and Les Campbell helped to create the Quabbin Visitors Center at the Quabbin Reservoir as well as its supporting organization, the Friends of the Quabbin.

in September 2020, the committee feels the timing is right to rename the visitors center.

Friends of the Quabbin Editor

and member of the memorial committee, Paul Godfrey said the groups formed the memorial committee shortly after Les Campbell's death.

"For most of us, renaming the visitors center in (the Campbell's) honor was a no brainer," said Godfrey. "However, that doesn't mean it's automatic. We have to build an effort and we need support."

He said the group strives to continue teaching people about the Quabbin, the previous towns that were flooded to make the reservoir and the variety of nature in the park.

"The Quabbin is a natural area that is mostly left to itself," Godfrey said. "Our efforts have been to educate people that it's not just water or this beautiful environment. It's about historic preservation. People were forced to

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Mountainview Drive home burns

Thought to be accidental fire

By Eileen Kennedy
Staff writer

WARE – A single-family home at 2 Mountainview Drive caught fire Monday afternoon, and when firefighters arrived after receiving a call at 4:23 p.m., they found a fully-involved fire, according to Fire Chief Christopher Gagnon. There was no one home when the fire began, but one of the two occupants came home to find the fire burning. One firefighter sustained burns to their hand, he said. A pet perished in the fire.

The cause is thought to be accidental although it remains under investigation by the Ware Fire and Police departments, and the State Fire Marshal's office. "It doesn't appear to be suspicious at this time," Gagnon said. The owner is David Young.

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Fire and police responded to 2 Mountainview Drive Monday afternoon to find the property burning. It is thought to have been an accidental fire, but it remains under investigation.

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Nomination papers available for Warren positions

WARREN – Warren Town Clerk Nancy J. Lowell has announced that nomination papers are available on Wednesday, Feb. 1, for the upcoming Town Election to be held on Tuesday, May 4. There papers must be filed with the Board of Registrars in the Town Clerk’s office, for certification on or before Tuesday, March 26, at 5 p.m. Final day to withdraw as a candidate is Thursday, April 1, at 5 p.m.

Appearing on the ballot will be the following:

One, three-year assessor seat; one three-year Cemetery Commissioner; a two-year Board of Health seat; a five-year Housing Authority term; three-year term as a Park Commissioner; five-year Planning Board seat; one three-year Selectman term; a three-year Sewer Commissioner term and three-year Tree Warden position.

The Quaboag Regional School District positions will also be incorporated on the Town Ballot. Two members from the town of Warren for three-year terms and two members from the town of West Brookfield for three year terms. There is also a one-year term for Warren members.

These nomination papers are available on Wednesday, Feb. 3, at the front office of the Quaboag Regional Middle High School at 284 Old West Brookfield Road in Warren. Deadline for returning these papers is Friday, March 19, by 4 p.m.

Last day to register to vote before the Town Election is Wednesday, April 14, from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m., at the Town Clerk’s office in the Shepard Municipal Building on High Street.



Courtesy photo
Photographer Peter Christoph will share his experiences capturing photos of birds in the Quabbin Reservoir with a Zoom presentation on Feb. 4, at 6:30 p.m., through the Warren Public Library.

Photographer shares photos of Quabbin Reservoir birds, Feb. 4

WARREN – The Warren Public Library will offer a Zoom presentation, “Birds of the Quabbin: Photographs & Stories” on Thursday, Feb. 4, at 6:30 p.m.

Treat yourself to an unforgettable slideshow as Peter Christoph will shares his experiences looking for wildlife, by land and by boat, at the beautiful and pristine Quabbin Reservoir through an unforgettable slideshow.

A rich diversity of birds call the Quabbin their home, the main attraction being the common loon and bald eagle families that nest here. Several winters ago, Christoph built a rustic cabin along

a river in an area known as the North Quabbin Woods. It was from this base camp that Peter discovered the magic of the Quabbin, and became intimately familiar with its intricate network of channels, coves and islands. Those who attend will also learn about the creation of the Quabbin Reservoir including a glimpse into the lost towns which gave way to this unlikely wilderness area.

Call or email the Warren Public Library to sign up and receive the link to join. Their phone number is 413-436-7690 and their email is warrenpubliclibrary@hotmail.com.

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Each week the Ware River News digs into its submitted photo archives and selects a people photo to publish. We need your help to help identify those pictured.

Email your answers by Monday at noon to ekennedy@turley.com.

Kelly Roach identified the young men in last week’s photo. “They called themselves the real wolf pack because they were the best hunters around also the stars on Ware High’s football team,” she said. “From left to right are Ryan Sidur, Tyler Goodfield, Alex LaBier, Chris Guzik and Zack Cloutier.”

Anyone who can identify those in this week’s paper should send the names as well as their full name to ekennedy@turley.com.

Annual Town Election set for April 12, nomination papers available

WARE – Nomination papers will be available for those individuals who wish to obtain them for the following positions that will appear on the ballot for the above-mentioned Annual Town Election, which will be held on Monday, April 12.

The seats open are two, three-year terms for selectman; one three-year term for moderator; two three-year School Committee terms; one, three-year term on the Board of Assessors; one, three-year term on the Board of Health; one, three-year term as Park Commissioner; one, one-year unexpired term as Park Commissioner; one, three-year term as Cemetery Commissioner; one, five-year set on the Planning Board; and one, five-year term on the Ware Housing Committee.

The last date to obtain and file nomination papers with the Board of Registrars is Monday, Feb. 22, at 5 p.m.

The last date to file nomination papers with the Town Clerk will be Monday March 8, at 5 p.m.

The last date to object to or withdraw nomination papers will be Wednesday March 10, at 5 p.m.

Any resident interested in running for any of the town offices will appear on the ballot should please contact the Town Clerk Nancy J. Talbot to make arrangements on obtaining nomination papers by calling 413-967-9648, ext. 177, Monday through Friday between the business hours of 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Due to COVID-19, the Town Hall currently remains closed to the public.

The current office holders will be notified that their terms are ending. They are: Selectmen,

Alan Whitney and Keith Kruckas; moderator, Kathleen Coulombe; School Committee, Michael C. Foran and Julie A. Slattery; Board of Assessors, Devin M. Peterson; Board of Health, Michael F. Juda; Park Commissioner, Kimberly Swartz; Park Commissioner, John E. Carroll; Cemetery Commissioner, Craig R. Simmons; Planning Board, Richard A. Starodoj; and Ware Housing Authority, Jonathan R. Hogan.

The last date to register to vote will be Tuesday, March 23. A voter registration will take place by appointment on March 23 until 8 p.m.; however anyone who is not a registered voter can do so by registering to vote online at www.ma.gov or by mail-in voter registration. Forms for mail-in voter registration can be found at the U S Post Office on West Street.

Hardwick Town Election set for April 12

HARDWICK – The Annual Town Election will held on Monday, April 12. The last day to obtain and submit nomination papers to the Board of Registrars for certification by Tuesday, Feb. 23, by 5 p.m.

The last day to file nomination papers with Town Clerk is on Monday, March 8, by 5 p.m.

The last day to object or withdraw nomination papers is Wednesday, March 10, by 5 p.m. The last day to register to vote in the Annual Town Election, is on Tuesday, March 23, 8 p.m.

Voter registration will take place in the Myron E. Richardson Building at 307 Main St., Gilbertville on Tuesday, March 23, from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. This is the last day and hour to register voters who wish to vote at the Annual Town Election. Mail-in voter registrations will be accepted if postmarked no later than the March 23 deadline.

CLUES ACROSS

1. Ancient kingdom near Dead Sea

5. 2014 Winter Olympics host

10. Soft fabric

12. Covered in flowers

14. Works at a college or university

16. Keeps us cool

18. Corpuscle count (abbr.)

19. Similar

20. Birthplace of Muhammad

22. They ___

23. Preamble to a book

25. Southern China people

26. Hair product

27. The woman

28. Partner to cheese

30. One point north of due east

31. Round Dutch cheese

33. Be in awe of

35. Christmas song

37. Emits coherent radiation

38. Something that is comparable to another

40. Monetary unit

41. The cutting part of a drill

42. Resinlike substance secreted by certain insects

44. Touch lightly

45. Toyota SUV

48. ___ and Andy, TV show

50. Made less dangerous

52. Assets under management (abbr.)

53. Nostrils

55. Moved quickly

56. Thai isthmus

57. TV personality Roker

58. Honors anew

63. Rags

65. One who obtains pleasure from inflicting pain or others

66. Marketplaces

67. Dark brown or black

CLUES DOWN

1. Nowhere to be found (abbr.)

2. Not new

3. Brew

4. Stain with mud

5. Chief or leader

6. Luke Skywalker’s mentor ___-Wan

7. Type of sauce

8. Sharpens

9. Priestess loved by Zeus

10. Jean Henri ___, French entomologist

11. Regulates supply of fuel

13. Disturbing and horrifying

15. Equal (prefix)

17. Hosts film festival

18. Tattered piece of clothing

21. Rich desserts

23. Unique motor (abbr.)

24. Disfigure

27. Chemical substance

29. Slang for famous person

32. Department of Labor

34. The A-team rode around in one

35. Beach cabin

36. Living things

39. Gun (slang)

40. Disconsolate

43. Stroke gently

44. Actress Richards

46. “Cletus Hogg” actor

47. Returned material authorization (abbr.)

49. Brazilian mountain range

51. Upset

54. One with supernatural insight

59. Insecticide

60. Taxi

61. “Much ___ about nothing”

62. Cannister

64. Popular clothing retailer

BRIDGE from page 1

George-Sorel Tuesday.

Town water pipes run on both sides of the bridge, and that water will have to be available to residents during the construction process. Drainage will also be addressed as stormwater comes down from Juniper Hill Road and goes right over Route 32, sometimes freezing in the cold weather.

A secure right-of-way is necessary for this project, and permanent or temporary easements may be required. The town of Ware is responsible for acquiring all needed rights in private or public lands. MassDOT’s policy concerning land acquisitions will be presented in the hearing.

Written statements and other exhibits regarding the proposed undertaking should be submitted to Patricia A. Leavenworth, P.E., Chief Engineer, MassDOT, 10 Park Plaza, Boston, MA 02116, Attention: Major Projects, Project File No. 605126. Mailed statements and exhibits intended for inclusion in the public hearing transcript must be postmarked no later than

10 business days after the hearing is posted to the MassDOT website listed below. Project inquiries may be emailed to dot.feedback.highway@state.ma.us.

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Health Director Judy Metcalf recommended the school district take a two-week temporary move to all remote learning since there was transmission of the virus within the school system, and the positivity rate due out the next day would likely be over 9%. She said it was turning into a very bad time for COVID infections overall, and suggested a temporary “strategic retreat.” With the vaccine on the way, she said the war would be won against COVID-19, but the battle during the winter might be lost.

WJSHS Principal Gene Rich said cases were continuing to grow, and while it pained him to say so, he also recommended the high school be closed for two weeks to get a handle on the spread of the virus. He said the cases are growing.

“I’m really concerned about our ability to provide quality instruction,” he said. Rich said he had thought long and hard before making the recommendation.

DiLeo said the hybrid model had worked to the district’s favor up until this point, with many students quarantining if they had been exposed and many times not having been in school when learning of a potential exposure. Hybrid students have two days a week of in-person learning and three days of remote learning.

Positivity rate

The data released on Jan. 14 showed the town to have a 9.03% positivity rate, and a 66.1% incident rate, and the community remains categorized as high risk. It remains in red on the state map, along with many other communities throughout the state.

This data comes after two weeks in the red. Ware entered the red or high risk zone for COVID-19 as of Jan. 2, when the state released numbers from the Department of Health. Those numbers showed Ware to have a positivity rate of 5.09%, and the rate per 100,000 people to be 30.2. The numbers released on Jan. 8 showed the town’s positivity rate to be 7.34%, and the rate per 100,000 people to be 41.5.

The state considers positivity rates of 5% or above and rates of 25 per 100,000 people a higher risk.

Guidelines

The committee approved guidelines or a trigger that would turn hybrid and remote models to fully remote at each school. That trigger would be five or more positive cases of COVID-19 in a school, which would cause a shift to all remote learning for five days. There would be a return to hybrid learning if the case numbers have dropped below five in the school. The school will also be deep cleaned and sanitized, with staff return to in-building remote work.

Sports

Despite the move to all-remote classes, the committee approved going forward with winter sports because the students would be supervised with school adults and following guidelines as they practice.

The School Committee’s next meeting was scheduled for Jan. 20, at 6:30 p.m., via Microsoft Teams video conferencing.

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Polish plate dinner Feb. 13

WARE — St. Mary’s Church, 57 South Street will be having a pre-order sale of a Polish plate dinner. The plate will consist of three pierogi, one golombek, kiel-basa, kapusta and Polish bread. Cost of the meal is \$15. Curbside pickup will be on Saturday, Feb. 13, in the parking lot behind St. Mary’s Church. Each customer will be designated a pick-up time when placing your order. Payment should be the exact amount, either check made out to St. Mary’s Church, or cash and placed in an envelope with your name, phone number and payment amount. Call Sylvia at 413-436-9268 or Diane at 413-967-5207, with questions and/or to order. All orders must be received by Sunday, Feb. 7. St. Mary’s thanks everyone for their support. Snow date will be Sunday, Feb. 14.

Tri-Parish Community Church news

NEW BRAINTREE — The Tri-Parish Community Church will meet at the New Braintree Congregational Church on Sunday, Jan. 24, at 10 a.m. The service will be led by Deacon Jennifer Pollard. At the back of the sanctuary is a large box marked “Helping Hands,” which is used for the Gilbertville food pantry to call attention to the need for personal care and hygiene items (shampoo, hand soap, toothpaste and other similar items) as well as food items. The Tri-Parish Community Church annual meeting is scheduled for Feb. 7, right after the Sunday service in the New Braintree Congregational Church. Feb. 14 is set aside as the alternate date in case of inclement weather. Officers and members of the Tri-Parish Committee will be elected, as well as voting on the budget and a membership bylaw change. All are encouraged to attend this important meeting.

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An article asking voters to approve the town pulling down the building remains on the upcoming Special Town Meeting warrant, now scheduled for sometime in early March. It was scheduled for Nov. 30, and then for Jan. 19, but had to be postponed due to COVID-19 numbers.

92-104 Main St.

She is also trying to work with the owner of 92-104 Main St., Duc Ha of Newton, but she said it seems he wants to save as much of the building as possible. Marques said she has issued a citation and a \$500 fine for problems on the site, but can only fine him every 21 days for issues that have not been resolved. SelectBoard Vice Chairman Keith Kruckas said the owner hasn’t done anything with the property to address issues, such as a temporary roof, which is leaking.

13 Parker St.

The board voted 4-1, with Kruckas voting no, to set up a hearing to declare 13 Parker St. a dangerous nuisance. The town is in the process of taking ownership of the building through Land Court, Marques said. The town already owns 15 Parker St., and the CDA recently voted to use Community Development Block Grants to bring both buildings down and make the two properties into a parking lot. Kruckas said the town should focus on the Main Street buildings before tackling another project.



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Left to right are Deslauriers Scholarship Committee Chairman Robert Rucki, scholarship recipient Linda He, AMVETS Post 2577 Commander Ed Wyzik, Barbara Deslauriers and AMVET members Stephen Kutt and Henry Deslauriers.

He receives Michael Deslauriers Scholarship

WARE – The Michael Deslauriers Scholarship, which is given out by the Ware AMVETS Post, was awarded to Ware Junior Senior High School 2020 graduate Linda He, last Wednesday at the Ware American Legion building on Maple Street. The scholarship was created in honor of Michael Deslauriers, a Ware resident and avid musician. Despite being born with spina bifida, Michael pursued music a

lifelong career in music. He played the trumpet and performed in the Quabbin Music Festival for six years and the Western District Music Festival for one year. Michael went on to study music at Westfield State College and participated in the Ware Community Band. He played with his brother for many years in community events and was honored in 2005 for playing

Taps at patriotic and memorial events. The scholarship was created after Michael’s death in 2007. It is open to all high school seniors residing in Ware that intend to go to college. The recipient is awarded the scholarship based on academic performance and community involvement during high school as well as their academic performance during their first semester of college.

Town is asking businesses to take survey

WARE – The town of Ware, through the Community Development Authority, is working with thePioneer Valley Planning Commission to pursue funding from the state’s Community Development Block Grant in the upcoming year. If successful, one potential use of state grant funds would be to establish a Façade/Signage Improvement Program for down-

town buildings in downtown Ware. This program would provide grants and/or low-interest loans to assist business operators and commercial building owners with exterior improvement projects. Some of these projects can include improvements to signage, lighting, doorways, siding and other exterior features. As a downtown commercial property owner or business operator, the town is

asking for businesses’ assistance in measuring interest in this potential program, and in helping the town to fine-tune its parameters. Please complete the survey, which can be found online at www.surveymonkey.com/r/FacadeImprovement. Anyone who has questions regarding the survey, should feel free to contact PVPC Community Development Planner Nick Peavy at 413-781-6045.

EQLT to hold brush burning on Jan. 23

NORTH BROOKFIELD – Volunteers have been busy clearing brush to maintain the beautiful stone walls and trails at East Quabbin Land Trust’s property, Wendemuth Meadow. There’s plenty of brush piles ready to be burned. Volunteers are needed to help burn brush at Wendemuth

Meadow, 25 Bates St., on Saturday, Jan. 23, from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Participants will be able to stay warm by the fire and grab a hot dog or some marshmallows to roast. Volunteers may stay an hour, a few hours or the whole day. They should RSVP to chenshaw@eqlt.org so EQLT has enough lunch

food and snacks. EQLT is collecting non-perishable foods for the St. Joseph’s Food Pantry during the brush burning at Wendemuth Meadow. Canned soup is a great item to donate. Participants should bring one or more cans to share a healthy meal with others in need.

Cornerstone Bank announces new leadership

Todd Tallman and Randal D. Webber began new positions Jan. 1

SOUTHBRIDGE – Cornerstone Bank, a community bank with 12 locations throughout central Massachusetts, has elevated two executives to new leadership roles effective Jan. 1. Todd Tallman, formerly the bank’s president and treasurer, assumes the role of CEO. Randal D. Webber, formerly Cornerstone’s executive vice president, chief operating officer and chief lending officer, will now serve as president. Both appointments were announced in the fall. Of his appointment, Tallman said, “I am honored to assume the role of CEO and wish to thank the Cornerstone Bank Board of Directors for the trust they have placed in me. I’m excited and invigorated to continue the institution’s legacy as a trusted community bank.” A seasoned financial professional and banking veteran, Tallman began his career as a certified public accountant before joining the banking world in 1998. First serving as chief financial officer of Southbridge Savings Bank, he was promoted to president/CEO in 2014. Then, when Southbridge Savings Bank and SpencerBANK merged in 2016 to form Cornerstone Bank, Tallman was named president and treasurer. With a passion for enriching the lives of others and supporting his community, he serves on the



Todd Tallman assumed the role of Cornerstone Bank’s CEO.



Randal D. Webber assumed the role of Cornerstone Bank’s president.

board of several nonprofit organizations and is a past president of the United Way of Southbridge, Sturbridge and Charlton. Webber spoke highly of Tallman, his predecessor, recognizing the big shoes he must fill as he assumes his new role. “Todd has always been a strategic leader,” he said. “I am honored to follow in his footsteps and build upon the strong foundation he laid as I assume the role of president.” Webber joined SpencerBANK in 2009 as senior vice president, chief risk officer, until being promoted to executive vice president, chief lending officer in 2012. When Cornerstone Bank was formed in 2016, he was named

Monson Savings Bank promotes Heather Arbour

MONSON – Monson Savings Bank recently announced the promotion of Heather Arbour to the role of BSA officer and compliance manager. “Heather is an amazing employee who has time and time again proven her commitment to the bank and ensuring we always remain in compliance with regulations,” said Monson Savings Bank President Dan Moriarty. “She is an asset to our team and we can’t wait to see her growth continue with Monson Savings Bank.”



Heather Arbour

Heather Arbour resides in Monson with her husband and four children. In her role as BSA officer and compliance manager she is responsible for overseeing the Monson Savings Bank’s Bank Secrecy Act and anti-money laundering programs and ensuring compliance with banking regulations. Additionally, she manages the Retail Operations Department. Arbour has been with Monson Savings Bank for 13 years, previously serving in the role of compliance and BSA manager. She has over 13 years of banking industry experience. She is currently enrolled in the New England School of Financial Studies and will be graduating in the spring from Springfield Technical Community College with a business administration degree. As a volunteer and co-treasurer for the Monson and Palmer Salvation Army, and a dedicated parent volunteer for the Monson Parent Teacher Student Association, Arbour is commit-

ted to contributing to local communities. She also serves on the Monson Savings Bank Pandemic Reopening Preparedness Committee. “As I began my journey with Monson Saving Bank I found that the bank had such a warm and inviting culture, not only within the community but with its employees as well,” said Arbour. “I am so happy to continue to grow with Monson Savings Bank and work with the entire team here.” Incorporated as a mutually chartered community bank in 1872, Monson Savings Bank has the longest tenure of service and stability in its market. Civic leaders chartered the bank with the intent to give working men and women the opportunity to save. It has offices in Monson, Hampden, Wilbraham, Ware and most recently East Longmeadow.

Ware River Nature Club holds comics event

REGION – The Ware River Nature Club will host a comics and critters seminar with bird and moon with Rosemary Mosco Wednesday, Jan. 27, at 7 p.m. Rosemary Mosco is the creator of the nature-based Bird and Moon comics. Participants will learn why cartoons and conservation are a natural fit. They will get a chuckle out of her clever combination of engaging images and nature observations. She blends science, humor and heart to create books and comics about wild-

life. Her Bird and Moon comics are collected in the book “Birding Is My Favorite Video Game,” a 2019 ALA Great Graphic Novel for Teens and appeared in publications ranging from the scientific journal Nature Ecology and Evolution to the children’s magazine Ranger Rick. Join Zoom Meeting at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85234575387?pwd=OX-ZVR0hUUTRHejZMwUJyZjFkUnp5QT09> Meeting ID: 852 3457 5387 Passcode: 909224


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“It was very well advanced well before we got there,” he said. In addition to Ware firefighters and equipment, he called in Warren and Palmer firefighters as well. Three Rivers Fire Department covered the station for Ware, and eventually he called firefighters from Belchertown and Monson to swap out firefighters because the fire was so intense. He said when firefight-

ers arrived they could see the fire burning the two-car garage and the home was charged with smoke. The American Red Cross arrived on scene to help the occupants, who lost the majority of their belongings in the fire, he said. Gagnon said the house is a total loss, with the garage and first floor fully burned, and the second floor with smoke and water damage. It can be rebuilt though, he said.



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SOCIAL SECURITY MATTERS

Do COVID-19 bonuses as income?

By Russell Gloor
Guest columnist

Dear Rusty: I'm 63 and still working, and I receive Social Security benefits. Because of COVID-19 my employer has been giving us a \$300 bonus, every three months. This will be \$1,200 for the year and it will put me over the \$18,240 earnings limit for this year. My question is, since these bonuses are COVID-19 related are they still considered earned income? My second question is, if I go over the limit does Social Security stop my check, even if it might be a portion of the check?

Signed: Working During COVID-19

Dear Working: Whether your 2020 earnings (and those bonuses) put you over the annual earnings limit will depend upon how the bonuses are reported on your federal income tax return (or your W-2 if you aren't required to file). Your employer will send your W-2 earnings to the IRS which will, in turn, inform Social Security of your earnings. Social Security compares your 2020 W-2 earnings to the earnings limit to see if you exceeded the allowable limit. In other words, how your employer defines those COVID-19 bonuses and reports it to the IRS determines whether Social Security will count them toward the earnings limit. You should check with your employer's human resources department to see if your COVID-19 bonuses will be considered as taxable earnings reportable on your W-2.

If you exceed the limit, and you don't inform Social Security in advance that you did, they won't know about it until they receive your W-2 information from the IRS (sometime next year, after you file your income taxes). They will then send you a notification that you exceeded the limit and tell you how much you owe them, and they will want to recover \$1 for every \$2 you are over the limit (half of what you exceed the limit by). They'll give you the option to repay what they consider to be an overpayment in one lump sum, request a repayment plan or to have your Social Security benefits withheld for as many months as it takes for them to recover what you owe. Note they only withhold full months of benefits, not partial, so you could go several months without collecting any Social Security benefits until they recover what is owed.

The money they withhold because you exceeded the limit is not lost forever, because when you reach your full retirement age (66 ½ if you turned 63 in 2020) they will give you time credit for any months they withheld benefits. That means they will move your effective claim date forward by the number of months benefits were withheld, which will result in a small increase in your benefit amount. But you'll get that higher benefit for the rest of your life, enabling you to eventually recover the money they withheld because you exceeded the limit. And for your information, during the year you reach your full retirement age (FRA) the limit goes up and the penalty is less, and once you reach your FRA there is no longer a limit to how much you can earn while collecting benefits.

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Russell Gloor is a Social Security advisor for AMAC.

IN MY BACKYARD

By Ellenor Downer

Red-breasted nuthatch and robins

I received a call from a North Brookfield resident that lives near Brookfield Orchards. She has bird feeders in her backyard and a window feeder. She said she had more than 50 robins in a field with a hedge of Arbor Vitae trees. She also saw a red-breasted nuthatch. She said her son lives in Sturbridge and he has seen red-breasted nuthatches and lots of bluebirds.

Red-breasted nuthatch

The red-breasted nuthatch is an irruptive species. Several people including me have seen one this year. It is a smaller version about 4 ½ inches and different coloring from its cousin, the white-breasted nuthatch.

As its name indicates, it has a rusty breast and belly. Its back is slate gray like the white-breasted. A distinguishing feature of the red-breasted is a white eyeline and a black head. The male's cap is black and the females gray. Both red and white-breasted nuthatches have a short tail and a long pointed beak. The call of the red-breasted - "ank or enk" - is higher and more nasal than the white-breasted nuthatch. Both nuthatches will visit feeders. Nuthatches creep down tree trunks looking for insects. The female lays five to seven white or slightly pink eggs with brown speckles in a nest of rootlets, grasses, mosses and shredded bark. It uses



Courtesy photo

A red-breasted nuthatch alights on a tree stump.

an evacuated hole, birdhouse or abandoned woodpecker hole. It smears pitch around the entrance to the nest cavity to deter predators. It also uses birdhouses and cavities to roost in as well as nest.

Raven

I received a letter from a West Brookfield resident, who sent a letter, as she did not have Internet.

She wrote, "I want to share my story about a raven. All last summer, I heard what I thought was geese going over my backyard crossing into the woods looking like

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viewpoints

Midwinter garden musings

It was a lot of fun to get back in the groove garden-wise this week. No, my hands weren't in the dirt, but I was definitely dreaming and scheming about the upcoming season, and reflecting on gardens past. Here are some musings that might be of interest to you.

One can presume that the resurgence in gardening we experienced last spring has continued into the new year. Because of unprecedented increases in ordering, two of my favorite mail order seed companies have limited days that you can place online orders and are stating that it will take anywhere from 10 days to six weeks for shipment. So I guess I would advise that if you haven't placed your orders yet, it might be a good idea to do so.

On a sad note, I discovered that one of my favorite companies for flower seed, Stokes Seed, has discontinued flower seed altogether and is catering to commercial growers for its vegetable seed. Good thing I saved an outdated catalog for all of its valuable cultural information. It was here that I learned that cleome seeds like alternating temperatures to germinate well, to the tune of 85 degrees by day and 65 degrees by night! Or that salvia seed needs light to germinate; don't cover these seeds, just push them into the soil surface.

One thing that always appealed to me about this company was the number of varieties that it offered for each flower type. In my old catalog, I counted no less than 22 kinds of petunias in dozens of colors choices. It will take a bit of research to find a replacement for

this company but I am guessing there is one or more out there.

The hyacinth bulbs that sat in my 50-degree mudroom since October sometime were put in forcing glasses a little over a week ago, and already have roots that stretch inches into the water. It has been an ongoing joke in my house that if you stood there long enough you could watch them grow. Top growth has started, ever so slightly. I cannot wait for the blooms to perfume my house! Did you ever get "itchy" after handling hyacinth bulbs? I do, and it is a common reaction for many people. The weird thing is, my hands rarely itch, but it I happen to touch my face or my neck with a hand that touched a hyacinth bulb I had better wash up and quickly!

The rosemary plant that I potted up before the first hard frost is doing great. It gets late morning sun and sits in a comfortable 50-degree location indoors. Old houses are great in that respect; they offer lots of little microclimates for our gardening pass-time. I water it as needed, typically every five days or so. It hasn't flowered, but should soon. Long nights initiate the flowering response. This year it grew so big that I could barely lift it on my own. It may

be a good idea to think about taking some cuttings this spring and retiring the old girl. We'll see.

The best cuttings are those taken with a little new growth. Find where the tip of the stem bends on its own and that is where you should take your cutting. Keeping a large rosemary on board is reminiscent of my teenage years when my parents would cover and uncover the two large specimens we'd overwinter on our unheated porch. We were successful at it for many years in a row.

As I look back I think it is pretty neat that my parents cared enough about my blossoming career to go through the hassle of putting blankets on rosemary plants every night!

On that note, I hope that you too are able to find your groove this week, gardening or elsewhere.



Roberta McQuaid graduated from the Stockbridge School of Agriculture at the University of Massachusetts. For the last 28 years, she has held the position of staff horticulturalist at Old Sturbridge Village. She enjoys growing food as well as flowers. Have a question for her? Email it to ekennedy@turley.com with "Gardening Question" in the subject line.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Hoping to neaten town up a little

A number of visitors and local residents, including youngsters have voiced concerns about the condition of the roadsides and other areas recently. It brings to mind an article I read recently in the July 8, 1977, issue of a weekly newspaper.

As part of the annual "clean-up" campaign, sponsored by the Warren Rural Improvement Association a contest was held. Posters, encouraging the clean up of streets was held and prizes were awarded. Winners were: Diane Dimo, Kenneth Learned, Dennis Clowes, Ingalisa Schrobsdorff, Doug Fountain, Dale Lincoln, Lisa Dimo, Earl Sparks, Linda Seremeth, Peggy Moody, Carl Koslowski and Maureen Elliott.

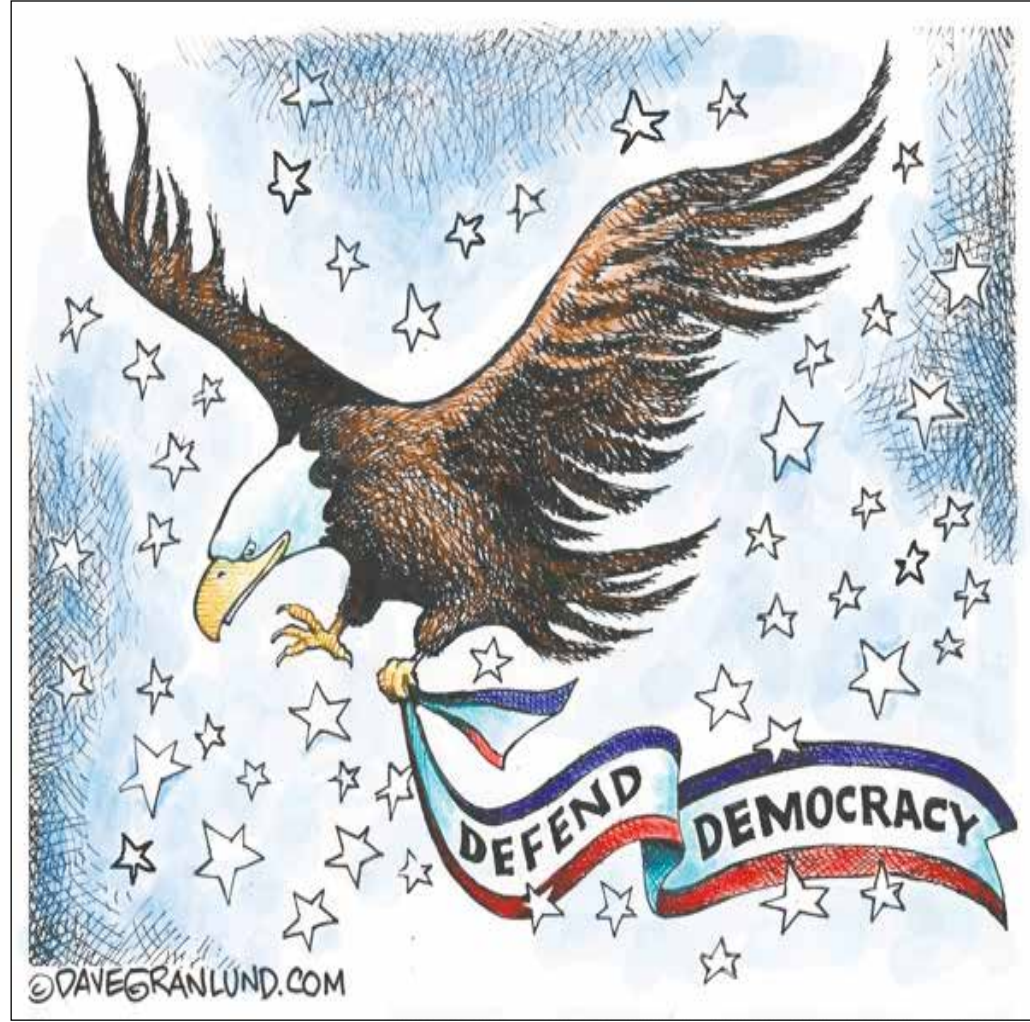
"Get off your seat-make our town neat" was one of the many sayings thought up by the Warren Elementary School students. In the town of Shutesbury old political signs recently were recycled into eye-catching art. I have access to some such signs if anyone would like to turn them into roadside reminders urging folks to "Get off their seats and make the town neat."

Margaret (Peg) Gorman, Warren

Want to know legislators' stances on election, Jan. 6

As representatives of Grassroots Central Mass, we are looking to our state legislators to publicly air their views on what happened in Washington D.C. on January 6th. This isn't a partisan issue.

We need leaders to be accountable and to clearly state their views on major events. When they don't express their beliefs publicly, they aren't doing their jobs.



It is important to know if our legislators believe the Nov. 3, 2020 election was legal and fair. It is hard to know how our state representatives and senators think and feel as Americans about the breach of the Capitol if we haven't publicly been informed.

We will be watching for our legislators to express their views to all of us on these issues. We encourage residents to join us in calling

for their legislators to stand up publicly as leaders.

When our representatives don't make themselves transparent, how can we hope for unity?

Regina Edmonds, of Warren, Lynne Meschel, of Barre, and Nancy Tame, of Spencer, Grassroots Central Mass

Historic events from Jan. 16 to Jan. 31

EDITOR'S NOTE: This column is a biweekly feature courtesy of The Grateful American Book Prize and was created to highlight books that show children that their past is prelude to their future.

By John Grimaldi and David Bruce Smith
Guest columnist

Benjamin Franklin, the paternal polymath of Revolutionary America, was born Jan. 17, 1706, and died 84 years later. His formal education ended at 10, but Franklin taught himself to read and write; subsequently, he matured into an expert, adolescent essayist, producing pieces, pseudonymously, as "Silence Dogood."

Eventually, he authored the bestselling Poor Richard's Almanack—a compendium of poems, calendar, and recipes; trivia, humor, practical advice; weather predictions, astrological information and pithy proverbs.

And his later achievements as a printer, publisher, author, inventor, scientist, and diplomat, mutated the world.

Franklin's triumphs were variegated, and the scope of his nimble masterminding of the Franklin Stove, bifocals, electricity and swim fins was unprecedented. He was also America's first Postmaster General, and founder of the University of Pennsylvania.

Most important: Franklin was a Founding Father. According to History.com, he was the only Founding Father "to have signed all four of the key documents establishing the U.S.:

The Declaration of Independence (1776), the Treaty of Alliance with France (1778), the Treaty of Paris establishing peace with Great Britain (1783) and the U.S. Constitution (1787)."

The Grateful American Book Prize recommends "The Autobiography of Benjamin Franklin."

Elizabeth Blackwell

Apparently, it was a "practical joke" when the all-male student body at Geneva Medical College, now State University of New York, voted to accept Elizabeth Blackwell as a student in 1847. Two years later, on Jan. 23, 1849, she graduated at the top of her class; at commencement, the school's dean acknowledged her achievement in a rather cynical manner and concluded his remarks by declaring his hope that Dr. Blackwell would be the last woman to be admitted to the college.

The Boston Medical and Surgical Journal, now The New England Journal of Medicine, called her achievement "a farce."

Blackwell completed her graduate studies

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obituaries

Jason P. Chevalier

WARE – Jason P. Chevalier, 48, of Ware, died suddenly on Friday, Jan. 15, 2021, at Baystate Mary Lane Hospital.

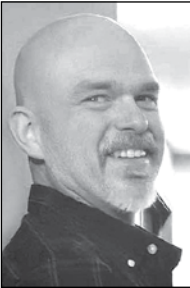
He leaves his loving wife, Andrea L. (Kratka) Chevalier, of Ware; his son, Tyler Chevalier, and his girlfriend, Katlynn Provencal; his daughter, Kylie Chevalier; his father, Richard Chevalier, and his wife, Elaine; his brother, Darin Chevalier; his sister, Renee Rae, as well as many nieces, nephews and friends. He was predeceased by his mother, Carol (Quink) Chevalier. He was

born in and was a lifetime resident of Ware.

Jason was a back hauler at C and S Wholesale Grocers in Windsor Locks, Connecticut, for 26 years.

Jason was a loving and devoted husband, and father. He enjoyed spending time with family whether it was game night, back yard fires,

or neighborhood walks. He loved the outdoors and vacationing in New Hampshire, whether it be snowmobiling in winter or hiking in summer. He loved his pets



Jeffrey Joseph Duclos

WEST WARREN – Jeffrey Joseph Duclos, aged 52, passed away suddenly in his home on Wednesday, Jan. 13, 2021. He was born in Worcester, Massachusetts on July 31, 1968. Jeffrey graduated from Pathfinder Regional High School in 1986.

For 30 years Jeffrey was employed as a field service engineer, most recently for DMG Mori Seiki prior to retiring in 2016. Jeffrey will be lovingly remembered by those who knew him as a kind-hearted, hard-working man. He had a stubborn streak, but who would be the first to show up to help and would give the shirt off his back to anyone in need; and could fix anything if he put his mind to it.

His loving wife said of Jeffrey that “he had the best dimples.” He thoroughly enjoyed the out-

doors, his camp in Maine being one of his favorite places, riding his snowmobile and enjoying life.

Jeffrey loved his Harley Davidson and belonged to the “Road Rattlers.”

His love of family was always first and foremost, he especially loved his time with his grandson, Teddy.

Jeffrey leaves behind his loving wife of 30 years, Kimberly Marie (Lucier) Duclos, whom he married in Ware in 1990. He also leaves his children, son, Quinn Duclos, and his wife, Caitlyn Duquette, and daughter, Rachel Duclos, and his grandson, Theodore “Teddy” Duclos. Jeffrey also leaves behind his parents, Robert and Phyllis (Cournoyer) Duclos, sisters: Tina O’Donnell,

and her husband, David, Nicole Duclos, and her husband, Tim Shobe, niece, Erica Power, and her husband, Daniel, nephew, Matthew O’Donnell, and niece, Camila Duclos. Jeffrey also leaves behind his faithful canine companion, Stitch.

A memorial service to celebrate Jeffrey’s life will be planned in the future.

In lieu of flowers or cards, donations can be made to Theodore’s education fund. Please contact Quinn at quinnduclos@gmail.com. Cebula Funeral Home, of Ware, is assisting his family with the final arrangements.

For more information and online guest book, please visit www.cebulafuneralhome.com.



Edith May King, 91

WEST SPRINGFIELD/ GILBERTVILLE – Edith May (Goodfield) King, 91, of West Springfield, and formerly of Belchertown and Gilbertville, died peacefully on Monday, Jan. 11, 2021, at Landmark at Monastery Heights.

She leaves her two loving daughters, Darlene Wilson, of Belchertown, and Cheryl Brown, and her husband, Peter, of Granby; her sister, Linda Laprade, of Auburn; her three grandchildren, Logan Brown, and his wife, Jocelyn, Eric Wilson, and Melanie Wilson, and a great-granddaughter, Angelica Wilson, plus nieces, nephews and many special friends. Edith was predeceased by her husband of 66 years, Robert E. King, in 2016. She was born in Ware, daughter of the late William D. and Edith M. (Laveulette)

Goodfield.

Edith owned and operated Hillside Printing with her husband until they retired. After retirement, they spent the next 25 years enjoying sunny Florida.

Edith was a loving and devoted wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother and aunt who “did it all.” From baking delicious treats, to cooking just about anything. She loved gardening and would can fresh produce from her garden. Edith and Robert traveled all over the country with camping trips being some of their favorite adventures. Family time was very special to her, and having everyone together provided lots of laughter and memories. She will

be missed by all who knew her.

She was a member of Trinitarian Congregational Church in Gilbertville, and worked on many committees at the church, as well as the Order of Eastern Star #116 in Ware.

A graveside service for Edith will be held in the spring in Aspen Grove Cemetery in Ware. Memorial donations may be made to “Friends of the Stone Church,” P.O. Box 347, Main Street, Gilbertville, MA 01031 or friend-softhestonechurch.org

Charbonneau Funeral Home, 30 Pleasant St., in Ware, is assisting her family with arrangements.

An online guest book is available at charbonneauafh.com.



Dwight E. Kruckas

WARE – Dwight E. Kruckas, 70, of Ware died on Monday, Jan. 18, 2021, at Quaboag Rehabilitation and Skilled Care Center in West Brookfield.

He leaves his loving son and longtime caregiver, Keith Kruckas, of Ware; his brother, Joseph Kruckas, and his wife, Evelyn, of Mound, Minnesota; his sister, Donna, and her husband, Tom Harder, of Las Vegas, Nevada; his grandson, Joshua Prouty, of Hardwick, as well as his several nieces. He was born

in Ware, son of the late Frances and Angelina (Cirelli) Kruckas. Dwight grew up in Barre.

Dwight was a construction superintendent at Forte Brothers Construction for several years.

He loved music, classic cars and drag racing, but he’ll mostly be remembered by his sense of humor and his gift of laughter.

Dwight suffered serious injuries in an motor vehicle accident in 1991. His family would like to thank the dedicated caregivers,

who showed so much compassion in their caring for him throughout the years. Also, thanks go to the staff and nurses at Quaboag Rehabilitation and Skilled Care Center for the last four years while Dwight was in their care.

At the request of his family, a graveside service for Dwight will be held in St. Joseph’s Cemetery in Barre at later date.

Varnum Funeral Home Inc., 43 East Main St., in West Brookfield, is assisting his family with arrangements.

An online guest book is available at varnumfuneralhome.



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in London; in 1851, she returned to the U.S., but she was shunned, and barred, from practicing in hospitals. Undaunted, she opened an office in New York City’s tenement district; six years later, she set up The New York Infirmary for Women and Children, with her sister Emily, also a doctor, and a third female physician.

For more information, the Grateful American Book Prize recommends “Elizabeth Blackwell: First Woman M.D.” by Nancy Kline.

Nellie Bly

Jules Verne’s “Around the World in Eighty Days,” was published in 1872, but it is still popular. His hero, Phileas T. Fogg, managed to accomplish the feat.

Because the book was a best seller in America and abroad, the

editors of the New York World decided to challenge their paper’s star reporter, Nellie Bly, to circumnavigate the globe in under 80 days. The intrepid newspaperwoman did not hesitate. She departed New York City, heading east, and returned 72 days, six hours, 11 minutes, and 14 seconds later, on Jan. 25, 1890.

Nellie Bly was not her real name; she was born Elizabeth Cochrane, but in those days, it was considered improper for a woman to write under her own moniker. She changed it to “Nellie Bly” when she became a journalist.

According to the Library of

Congress, “No stranger to fame, the daring Miss Bly had already made a name for herself by exposing the deplorable conditions of an insane asylum on New York’s Blackwell’s Island. Bly researched the story by feigning insanity and having herself committed for 10 days. Her exposé on the asylum and later reports on slum life brought about needed reforms and helped pave the way for women in journalism.”

For more information, The Grateful American Book Prize recommends Bly’s memoir: “Undercover: Reporting for The New York World 1887 – 1894.”

Louis G. Leroux

PALMER – Louis G. Leroux, 64, most recently of West Warren, passed away Jan. 16, 2021, at Baystate Medical Center. He was born on June 28, 1956, in Palmer to the late Louis and Alice (Laviolette) Leroux.

Louis spent his childhood in Bondsville. He graduated from high school and became a printer for many firms throughout the years. Louis spent his free time building model cars, with his beloved Labrador, Mandi, by his side.

Louis is survived by his sons, Christopher Leroux, and his wife, Tina, of Palmer, and Joseph Leroux, and his wife, Lori, of Barre. He also leaves behind his grandson, Christopher Leroux.

Beers & Story Palmer Funeral Home has been entrusted with the arrangements. Services for Louis will be private and at the convenience of the family.

In lieu of flowers, memori-

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Quabbin classrooms tested for air exchange rates

Most tested to be above average

By Ellenor Downer
Staff writer

BARRE – Back in October the school district hired Pioneer Valley Environmental to test all the Quabbin Regional School District schools to make sure the air exchange was adequate. The tests show how many times the air in a room is exchanged with fresh air.

School Superintendent Sheila Muir said these companies were “extremely busy.” The district received the air exchange report, which showed an acceptable air exchange rate should be 4.00. At Ruggles Lane Elementary School the air exchange rates in the various classrooms ranged from 5.99 to 8.33. The Hubbardston Center School rooms all tested above 4.00, as did the Hardwick Elementary School and Oakham Center School.

The Quabbin Regional Middle High School had one room with two units that tested lower than 4.00. The room H127 tested 3.72 and H 125, 3.98. Heating coils collect dust so they will be cleaned and the large room retested. The middle school gym tested at 0.57. Dust collection on the heating coils most likely was part of the problem in the gym also. Cheryl Duval, director of administrative services, said Pioneer Valley Environment did not test all the air diffusers in the middle school gym and would be coming back to do that. Muir said because of the low reading in the gym, students were not using the gym, but using the high school gym. The other tested okay.

Two classrooms at the New Braintree Grade School were also tested. One room tested at 3.00 and might have ice storm damage to the coils, which would be checked.

COVID testing pools

Muir said the Department of Education planned to hold COVID-19 testing pools. Under the pool testing, schools would have access to COVID testing for students and staff member in a cohort. If the cohort tests came back negative, then from the results, it would assume all in the cohort were negative. If the test came back positive, then the results would assume at least one was positive. With a positive result, all in the cohort would be tested and quarantined. This was a way to identify those asymptomatic for COVID. The program would initially be free and afterwards the cost would be \$5 per test. The program could start in early February. Permission must be

granted for the testing.

COVID cases

The superintendent said several weeks ago she sent a letter every single day of one or two COVID cases. There were eight students who had tested positive as of Jan. 11. Twenty-eight quarantined, with 16 in one cohort because of close contact with a staff member who tested positive. She said she would be updating the numbers every Monday with staff, parents and on the website. Muir said she did not believe anyone contacted the virus in the district buildings, but elsewhere.

School meals

Duval said 410 students were served school meals for 5,740 meals. Since school opened this year 129,135 meals were served to children.

Teacher Advisory

Evan Barringer was unable to attend last Thursday school committee meeting. In his letter, he said, “Our students are blessed to have teachers, who have gone above and beyond on a daily basis. Our teachers are top notch.” School Committee Vice Chairman Mark Brophy thanked teachers for “being part of the way and not in the way.”

Student Advisory

Thomas Doyle, a senior at the high school, said he was in band and the band has instrument masks so they can start playing within their cohort. The students have to be 10 feet apart and were playing in the cafeteria. The instrument masks have a slit to put the mouthpiece through. Flutes go through a hole in mask. Students play at home and synchronize the parts and were in the process of putting on a virtual concert.

Nicholas Whitelaw, a ninth-grader, said in person learning gave students better contact with teachers. The Student Council members were sharing their time planning methods and techniques. He said social interaction was missing and impacted student body.

Curriculum Coordinator Colleen Mucha shared a video compiled by Adam Couturier on vacation camp held during December break at the elementary level. It was held three hours a day for three days. The school received a grant and plan to hold camps during February and April vacation. The camp gave remote learning students an opportunity to have in person contact.

Collective bargaining

Brophy, who is also the Collective Bargaining Subcommittee chairman, said the district has three-year contracts with five of the six groups. The remaining contract outstanding was for the district’s paraprofessionals.

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move from their homes.”

Godfrey said the aim of the committee is to change the signs on two of the doors as well as add a tribute to the couple inside of the visitors center.

“Additionally, we would like to include a plaque that briefly summarizes who Les and Terry were to visitors of the Quabbin Visitors Center, which will permanently teach all visitors how this wonderful resource was imagined and created. All costs of these new signs will be borne by the aforementioned groups which Les founded: Friends of Quabbin, Pioneer Valley Photographic Artists, and Quabbin Photo Group,” wrote Annie Tiberio in the newsletter.

In his tribute to Les Campbell, Godfrey wrote that Les Campbell was born in Ware in August of 1925.

Campbell not only worked for the Metropolitan District Water Supply Commission in the Quabbin Section, but he also spent 75 years as a photographer, earning accolades for his work including three of the highest awards given by the Photographic Society of America, according to the tribute.

“But his passion, for the last 40 years and what he may be best remembered for, is his love of teaching other people his skills. In 1946, Les co-founded the Quabbin Bird Club,” wrote Godfrey in the tribute. “Later, he started many local camera clubs, including the Quabbin Photo Group and Pioneer Valley Photographic Artists. More recently, he became concerned that his fellow photographers could not show their work



Staff photo by Melina Bourdeau

Three local groups are working to rename the Quabbin Visitors Center in honor of Les and Terry Campbell, who were Belchertown residents.

because of the expense of having it framed. So, he

taught them to frame and matte their own photographs in his living room.”

Terry Campbell, born in 1940 in Hartford, Connecticut, lived in Belchertown since 1969 and co-founded the visitors center where she worked for 15 years, according to her obituary from Beers & Story.

“The physical operation of the Visitors Center fell to volunteers... Terry who began with an empty room,” wrote Tiberio in the newsletter. “It was Terry who foresaw the need for a discussion group of, originally, former residents (of the lost towns of the Quabbin) called the Tuesday Tea



Les Campbell was a photographer in Belchertown known for his nature photographs, many of which were taken in the Quabbin Reservoir.

group. It was Terry who started selling books on the Quabbin... It was Les and Terry who created a newsletter for members of the Friends of Quabbin. It was Terry who started providing information to visitors and made it obvious that permanent staff were needed for that task. And she became the first Visitors Center staff member hired by MDC.”

Thus far the groups have sent information about the project to: State Rep. Donald Berthiaume, Jr. (R-Spencer), State Sen. Joanne Comerford (D-Northampton), State Sen. Anne Gobi (D-Spencer), State Sen. Eric Lesser (D-Longmeadow), State Rep. Todd Smola (R-Warren), State

Rep. Susannah Whippis-Lee (I-Athol), Congressman Jim McGovern (D-Worcester), Senator Elizabeth Warren, Senator Ed Markey, Department of Conservation and Recreation Commissioner Jim Montgomery, Frederick P. Laskey, of the Massachusetts Water Resources Authority, Director of the Water Supply Citizens Advisory Committee Lexi Dewey and former State Sen. Stephen Brewer.

Send comments to Paul Godfrey, 47 Harkness Road, Pelham, MA 01002 or godfrey@umass.edu. Godfrey will share them with the rest of the committee and with others whom they ask for help.



Lois Doubleday, previous Friends of the Quabbin newsletter editor, and Terry Campbell cut a holiday party cake. Campbell was the first staff member of the Quabbin Visitor’s Center.

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hoping that COVID-19 numbers will have decreased enough to hold it outside at the site instead of online, so people can get a better idea of what it will look like.

COVID-19 update

Health Director Judy Metcalf told the SelectBoard that the past week made the third week in a row that Ware has fallen into the red or high risk state categorization. She said the positivity rate was 9.03%, and the incidence rate was 66.1%.

Ware entered the red or high risk zone for COVID-19 as of Jan. 2, when the state released numbers from the Department of Health. Those numbers showed Ware to have a positivity rate of 5.09%, and the rate per 100,000

people to be 30.2. The numbers released on Jan. 8 showed the town’s positivity rate to be 7.34%, and the rate per 100,000 people to be 41.5.

She urged residents to wear a mask, social distance, wash their hands regularly and avoid group activities for the time being to help keep the rate from rising.

At the moment, she does not have exact information about when the second phase of COVID-19 vaccinations will be available, which will include teachers, the elderly, those with certain medical conditions and essential workers. She said she

will have a plan for the vaccine when it is available.

Leftover project funds

At the request of Town Accountant Tracy Meehan the SelectBoard approved about \$50,000 in unused funds from a variety of past projects to go toward the town’s debt. Among the projects was \$32,984.83 from constructing the fire station on West Street and \$5,084 from taking up and replacing flooring in the Stanley M. Koziol Elementary School.

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Live-streaming could be available for school games

By Gregory A. Scibelli
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REGION – Basketball and hockey may be starting up in the next week or two depending on what school you are playing for, but your ability to catch a game is about as limited as your ability to go to the TD Garden or Fenway Park.

But your favorite high school action may be coming, and for free,

to a handheld or other computer device near you.

Many schools, beginning this week with Quabbin Regional's regular season basketball games, will be made available to its faithful utilizing a couple of platforms.

Quabbin's games will be seen on its YouTube channel.

Several schools have YouTube channels, where it now video tapes or streams various events live for people to see. The trend became

popular last year in June when many schools lost out on their traditional graduation ceremonies.

It is unclear if those types of ceremonies will be able to return this year, making the ability to stream so people who cannot be there in person can watch, even more important.

There are more ways various schools in the region will stream games for fans. Among them, Agawam and several other schools will utilize Facebook, while others may use the National Federation of High Schools website to do games.

Hockey games at Olympia Ice Center in West Springfield will utilize a website called Livebarn. There will be no fans allowed at swim meets, though many schools are planning to stream those events utilizing social media.

Regardless of the platform, there could be many high school games available to fans during the next months, making it possible for fans to be able to stay in on the action for this season. The trend could continue outdoors next month if football games are unable to have fans at their games, though guidance have not been issued and things could drastically change in the next month depending on the government's ability to step up vaccinations under the Biden administration.

Fan rule policies were made by the Pioneer Valley Interscholastic Athletic Association. Despite hesitation over being indoors, up to two home fans per students will be allowed in some schools, much like the fall policy. Agawam Athletic Director and PVIAC Board member David Stratton said.

Not all schools will host fans, however, and much of it depends on how strict a particular town's school department or health depart-



File photos
Social media sites like Facebook or Youtube channels could be used by area high schools to livestream winter sporting events.

ment is about the issue. Fans who are allowed to attend basketball or hockey games must be masked and social distance. With basketball

having much smaller rosters than soccer and field hockey, it should limit the number of people attending games.

Panthers anxious to hit the court

By Tim Peterson
Sports Correspondent

BARRE — Dennis Dextradeur has seen a lot of different things during his coaching career at Quabbin Regional High School.

Dextradeur and the members of the Panthers boys' varsity basketball team will most likely be experiencing some new things this season due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

"Our Athletic Director Mark Miville was able to provide us with three intrasquad preseason scrimmages and they were officiated by IAABO referees," said Dextradeur, who beginning his 29th season as the Panthers boys' varsity basketball coach. "Those scrimmages were simulated games and were tremendously helpful to our staff, players, officials and scorers on just what we have to do to insure making the gymnasium and game a safe environment."

One of the differences this season is the Panthers practices are only 90 minutes long.

"The major impact this season with dealing with the new guidelines set forth is the limit of practice time with the players," Dextradeur said. "Our ability to teach, prepare and implement has been reduced. We are only allowed 1 1/2 hours on the court. If time on task were limited or reduced in the classroom you would begin to see the same result with learning and skill acquisition. However, the athletes were eager and excited to finally take to the court after nearly a 10-month hiatus. So were the coaching staff."

The 2019-20 campaign was a very memorable one for Quabbin. After capturing the Mid-Wach C league title, the Panthers advanced to the Western Mass. Division 2 semifinals where they lost to

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Hockey games this season may be found on Livebarn or a school's social media website.

Tournaments for baseball in question

By Gregory A. Scibelli
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REGION – As time continues to run short on the various 2020-2021 seasons, the opportunity for area fans to see their favorite sports' sectional tournaments is running out.

When the majority of the member schools in Massachusetts voted for the change to a statewide tournament and eliminate the sectional tournaments sponsored by the Massachusetts Interscholastic Athletic Association, many Western Mass. schools voted against the idea.

The Western Mass. tournament, especially in certain sports like soccer and basketball, has been an important event to the region between the ability to obtain bragging rights for an area of the state often segregated from the rest.

The 2020-2021 school was set to be the final year with a sectional tournament, a sobering fact for fans of soccer and basketball

who were used to the spectacle of seeing the best teams compete for the soccer title at big venues like Westfield State University, and Curry Hicks Cage in the case of basketball.

In the spring, UMass is also a very popular site, often hosting the semifinals and finals of the Western Mass. softball and baseball tournaments. The sites also host state semifinal games on a rotating basis.

Recently, the baseball committee under the MIAA was discussing the possibilities of whether or not there will be a tournament this spring. The fall and winter tournaments were already cancelled, denying fans their opportunity to have a final sectional under the MIAA banner.

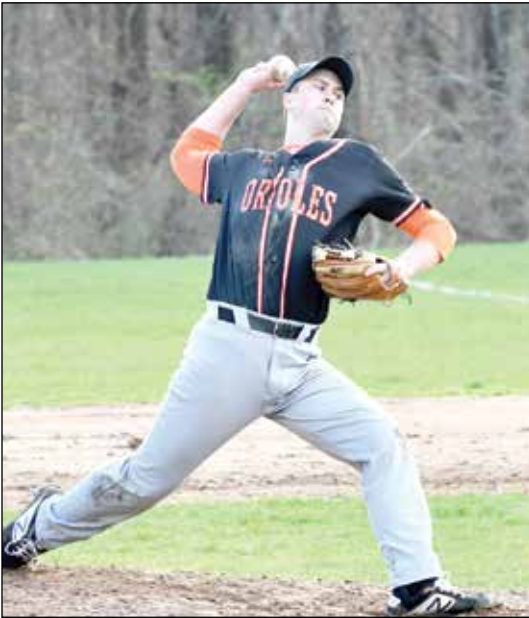
At their Jan. 6 meeting, the committee established a sub-committee to begin studying potential rule changes to the game along with an end-of-season tournament proposal.

The baseball season is cur-

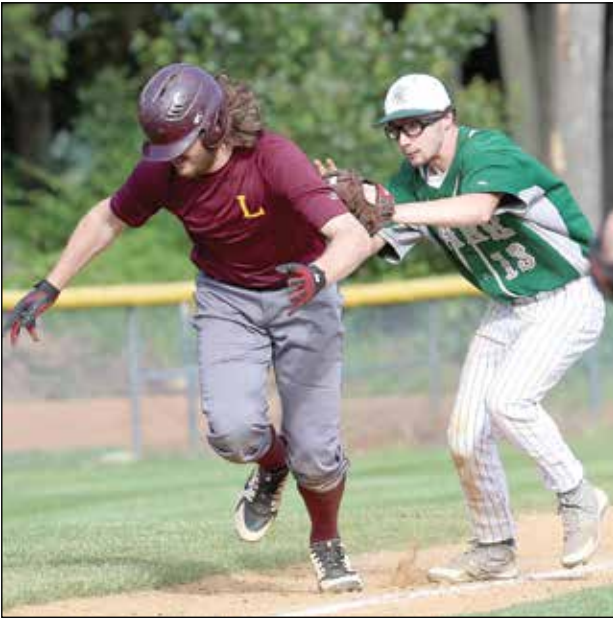
rently scheduled to begin in late April, falling the "bubble" or Fall 2 season. Any tournament may be held at the end of June and there is more of a chance for a tournament versus other seasons because the vaccination effort for COVID-19 could be in more advance stages leading to a relaxing of social distancing and large gathering guidelines.

Schedules and tournaments have been largely influenced by an interest in keeping interactions limited. Tournaments that draw lots of fans and matchups between random schools paired together in brackets were eliminated in favor of playing in small geographic bubbles and keeping most schools playing just a small number of opponents.

Baseball could also see some rule changes, though those modifications could be limited because the sport largely allows for social distancing and very limited contact between players on the same or opposing teams.



The spring baseball tournament is still in question as conditions in six months are hard to predict right now.



File photos
UMass has been a popular site for the Western Mass. baseball tournament.

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Submitted photo

The Tri Track Open Modified Series will have six dates in 2021 for its competition.

Tri track modified series confirms 2021 dates

SEEKONK – The Tri Track Open Modified Series officials confirmed on Tuesday six dates for the 2021 season. The series will compete at three different tracks in two different New England states, headlined by multiple staple events and the anticipated return to Massachusetts.

Fans can expect a return to Monadnock Speedway (twice), two stops at Star Speedway, including the 10th annual SBM, and two stops at Seekonk Speedway -- including the prestigious \$10,000 to win Open Wheel Wednesday and

the fan-favorite Haunted Hundred. The season begins back on the high-banks of Monadnock, in Winchester, New Hampshire, with a 100-lap feature on Saturday, May 1. The date will be part of Monadnock's opening Spring Dash weekend, which will also include their NASCAR Advance Auto Parts Weekly Racing Series divisions and the Granite State Pro Stock Series. Tri Track will visit Monadnock for a second time on Saturday, August 14, joined again by Monadnock's weekly divisions. The track has been a regular circuit

on the Tri Track schedule -- one that places series regulars against the weekly competitors, which often come close to Victory Lane. Craig Lutz and Sam Rameau won events at Monadnock in a COVID-19 shortened 2020 season.

On May 22, Tri Track will return to Star Speedway in Epping, New Hampshire, for the first of two dates on the 2021 calendar. Star has also been well-known for the annual SBM event, which

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public safety

Ware Police Log

Monday, Jan. 11 2:28 a.m. Parking Complaint Pleasant Street – Citation Issued 8:53 a.m. Silent, 911 Call North Street – Services Rendered 9:38 a.m. Silent, 911 Call Palmer Road – Services Rendered 10:03 a.m. Larceny, Theft Report Cottage Street – Investigation Pending 12:05 p.m. Ambulance Request Osborne Road – Services Rendered 12:35 p.m. Silent, 911 Call Walker Road – Services Rendered 12:56 p.m. Ambulance Request Fisherdict Road – Services Rendered 2:40 p.m. Assault North Street – Criminal Complaint Issued 2:41 p.m. Accident (Hit and Run) West Street – Services Rendered 4:12 p.m. Shoplifting West Street – Investigation Pending 4:30 p.m. Ambulance Request Valley View – Referred to Other Agency 4:40 p.m. Accident, Vehicle Palmer Road – Services Rendered 5:48 p.m. Ambulance Request Vigeant Street – Referred to Other Agency 5:49 p.m. Alarm Fire Hillside Village – Referred to Other Agency 6:13 p.m. Harassment Complaint West Street – Services Rendered 6:20 p.m. Silent, 911 Call Pulaski Street – Services Rendered 8:50 p.m. Ambulance Request Fisherdict Road – Referred to Other Agency 9:35 p.m. Motor Vehicle Violation West Street – Arrest, Misdemeanor Charge Arrest: Keith J. Bissaillon, 42, Southwick License Suspended, Operate Motor Vehicle With, Subsequent Offense; Operation of Motor Vehicle, Improper; Drug, Possess Class B, Subsequent Offense; Drug, Possess Class A, Subsequent Offense Arrest: Christy Marshall, 42, Southwick Drug, Possess Class B, Subsequent Offense; Drug, Possess Class A, Subsequent Offense	West Street – Services Rendered 4:05 p.m. Vandalism Pleasant Street – Area Searched Negative Find 11:59 p.m. Ambulance Request Hillside Village – Services Rendered Wednesday, Jan. 13 3:26 a.m. Parking Complaint Walnut Street – Citation Issued 3:53 a.m. Accident (Hit and Run) Pleasant Street – Motor Vehicle Accident Over \$1,000 11:30 a.m. Silent, 911 Call Webster Road – Services Rendered 1:35 p.m. Accident (Hit and Run) Pleasant Street – Services Rendered 1:56 p.m. Fraud North Street – Services Rendered 2:45 p.m. Accident (Hit and Run) Palmer Road – Services Rendered 3:07 p.m. Ambulance Request Valley View – Services Rendered Thursday, Jan. 14 12:42 a.m. Motor Vehicle Violation West Street – Arrest, Misdemeanor Charge Arrest: Nathan H. Berthiaume, 43, Charlton OUI-Liquor or .08%; Negligent Operation of Motor Vehicle; Stop/Yield, Fail To; Alcohol in Motor Vehicle, Possess Open Container of; Alcohol in Motor Vehicle, Possess Open Container of; Alcohol in Motor Vehicle, Possess Open Container of; Right Lane, Fail Drive In; Identify Self, Motor Vehicle Operation Refuse; Registration Not In Possession; Speeding Rate of Speed Exceeding Posted Limit; Resist Arrest 1:20 a.m. Ambulance Request Turkey Street – Referred to Other Agency 5:56 p.m. Shoplifting West Street – Investigation Pending Friday, Jan. 15 4:56 a.m. Motor Vehicle Violation West Main Street – Citation Issued 4:14 p.m. Threat Report Walnut Street – Services Rendered 6:30 p.m. Ambulance Request Walker Road – Investigated, Report Filed Saturday, Jan. 16 4:10 a.m. Parking Complaint Aspen Street – Citation Issued 4:29 a.m. Parking Complaint Otis Avenue – Citation Issued 4:30 a.m. Parking Complaint Otis Avenue – Citation Issued 4:34 a.m. Parking Complaint Pulaski Street – Citation Issued 4:39 a.m. Parking Complaint South Street – Citation Issued 4:44 a.m. Abandoned, 911	Call Cottage Street – Services Rendered 1:40 p.m. Larceny, Theft Report Otis Avenue – Services Rendered 8:26 p.m. Alarm Fire Dale Street – Referred to Other Agency 8:33 p.m. Ambulance Request South Street – Referred to Other Agency 9:18 p.m. Motor Vehicle Violation West Street – Criminal Complaint Issued Sunday, Jan. 17 1:42 a.m. Ambulance Request Hillside Village – Referred to Other Agency 1:50 a.m. Officer Wanted Hillside Village – Criminal Complaint Issued 7:21 a.m. Ambulance Request Pine Street – No Police Service Necessary 12:40 p.m. Ambulance Request Malboeuf Road – Referred to Other Agency 5:11 p.m. Ambulance Request Granger Street – Referred to Other Agency 5:41 p.m. Ambulance Request Ashley Street – Referred to Other Agency 5:59 p.m. Welfare Check Highland Village – Arrest, Misdemeanor Charge 8:52 p.m. Ambulance Request Elm Street – Referred to Other Agency 10:43 p.m. Motor Vehicle Violation West Street – Written Warning Monday, Jan. 18 5:45 a.m. Ambulance Request Anderson Road – Referred to Other Agency 9:21 a.m. Motor Vehicle Violation Monson Turnpike Road – Citation Issued 11:22 a.m. Ambulance Request Palmer Road – Referred to Other Agency 3:21 p.m. Ambulance Request Palmer Road – Services Rendered 3:29 p.m. Fire, Report Aspen Street – Services Rendered 5:46 p.m. Threat Report Hillside Village – Services Rendered 9:51 p.m. Ambulance Request Greenwich Road – Referred to Other Agency Tuesday, Jan. 19 2:16 a.m. Motor Vehicle Violation Church Street – Arrest, Misdemeanor Charge Arrest: Sarah K. Herlihy, 30, Ware OUI-Liquor or .08%; Negligent Operation of Motor Vehicle; Stop/Yield, Fail to; Drug, Possess Class E; Open Container Marijuana in Vehicle c94G §13(d) 4:59 a.m. Motor Vehicle Violation West Main Street – Citation Issued Wednesday, Jan. 20 1:04 a.m. Parking Complaint Main Street – Citation Issued 1:10 a.m. Parking Violation Main Street – Citation Issued 1:14 a.m. Parking Violation Main Street – Citation Issued 11:32 a.m. Disturbance North Street – Report Filed Thursday, Jan. 21 11:54 a.m. Noise Violation, Party Brimfield Road – Information Given 7:53 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Southbridge Road – Citation Issued 8:39 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Southbridge Road – Citation Issued Friday, Jan. 22 3:22 p.m. Sick/Unknown Bacon Street – Transported to Hospital 3:58 p.m. Breathing Difficulty Coy Hill Road – Transported to Hospital 10:31 p.m. Motor Vehicle Accident Bridges Avenue – Report Filed Saturday, Jan. 23 12:29 a.m. Diabetic Winthrop Terrace – Transported to Hospital 12:31 a.m. Sick/Unknown Winthrop Terrace – Referred to Other Agency 1:10 a.m. Parking Violation Main Street – Citation Issued 1:10 a.m. Parking Violation Main Street – Citation Issued 1:14 a.m. Parking Violation Main Street – Citation Issued 11:32 a.m. Disturbance North Street – Report Filed Sunday, Jan. 24 9:39 a.m. Illegal Dumping Patrick Road – Negative Contact 7:24 p.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle Reed Street – Vehicle Removed 9:46 p.m. Sick/Unknown Southbridge Road – Transported to Hospital 10:04 p.m. Falls Old West Warren Road – Transported to Hospital Monday, Jan. 25 11:12 a.m. Disturbance North Street – Peace Restored 1:53 p.m. Safety Concern Quaboag Street – Message Delivered 2:15 p.m. Disturbance Prospect Street – Officer Spoke to Party 2:55 p.m. Disturbance North Street – Officer Spoke to Party 3:03 p.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle Brimfield Road – Negative Contact 8:05 p.m. Disturbance North Street – Report Filed Summons: Alexander N. Semprit, 29, Warren Threat to Commit Crime (Terroristic Threat COVID-19); Assault; Disturbing the Peace 8:59 p.m. Disturbance North Street – Transported to Hospital Summons: Alyssa M. Gonzalez, 25, Warren Assault and Battery on Ambulance Personnel; Deface Property; Disorderly Conduct; Disturbing the Peace 11:35 a.m. Sick/Unknown Edward Lane – Transported to Hospital 4:16 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Main Street – Criminal Complaint Summons: Shawn Dante, 22, Chicopee Uninsured Motor Vehicle; Registration Suspended or Revoked, Operate Motor Vehicle
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New Braintree Police Log

<i>During the week of Jan. 11-18, the Hardwick/New Braintree Police Department responded to 20 building/property checks, 25 directed/area patrols, 10 radar assignments, nine traffic controls and four motor vehicle stops in the town of New Braintree.</i>	Monday, Jan. 11 10:29 a.m. Cellular – Trespass Cemetery Road – Report Taken Tuesday, Jan. 12 7:59 a.m. Phone – Harassment Cemetery Road – Negative Contact 8:48 p.m. Phone – Disturbance Dennis Whitney Road – Services Rendered Wednesday, Jan. 13 8:19 a.m. Phone – Medical Alarm Hardwick Road – Spoken To Thursday, Jan. 14 10:54 a.m. Phone – Scam Barre Road – Spoken To Friday, Jan. 15 6:25 p.m. Phone – Motor Vehicle Accident Main Street – Officer Handled 9:07 p.m. 911 – Medical Saturday, Jan. 16 12:42 p.m. Phone – Suspicious Activity Cemetery Road – Checked/Secured Sunday, Jan. 17 11:29 a.m. Phone – Scam Upper Church Street – Services Rendered 1:10 p.m. Phone – Safety Hazard Hardwick Road – Services Rendered 5:48 p.m. Phone – 911/Hang-up Call Old Petersham Road – Services Rendered
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Warren Police Log

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Hardwick Police Log

<i>During the week of Jan. 11-18, the Hardwick/New Braintree Police Department responded to 64 building/property checks, 22 directed/area patrols, nine radar assignments, 12 traffic controls, two animal calls, 27 motor vehicle stops, eight emergency 911 calls and two scams in the town of Hardwick.</i>	3:02 p.m. Initiated – Motor Vehicle Stop Main Street – Written Warning 3:23 p.m. Initiated – Motor Vehicle Stop Church Street – Citation Issued 3:46 p.m. Initiated – Motor Vehicle Stop Main Street – Citation Issued 6:26 p.m. 911 – Medical Emergency High Street – Services Rendered 6:31 p.m. Initiated – Motor Vehicle Stop Main Street – Written Warning Friday, Jan. 15 6:25 p.m. Phone – Motor Vehicle Accident Main Street – Officer Handled 9:07 p.m. 911 – Medical Saturday, Jan. 16 5 a.m. 911 – Medical Emergency Broad Street – Transported to Hospital 11:36 a.m. 911 – Medical Emergency Old Petersham Road – Taken/Referred to Other Agency 4:14 p.m. 911 – Fire, Auto Hall Road – Services Rendered Sunday, Jan. 17 11:29 a.m. Phone – Scam Upper Church Street – Services Rendered 1:10 p.m. Phone – Safety Hazard Hardwick Road – Services Rendered 5:48 p.m. Phone – 911/Hang-up Call Old Petersham Road – Services Rendered
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returns for the 10th annual feature spectacular on Saturday, July 24. Two dates at Star in the midst of their packed schedule will give race fans a chance to watch Modifieds tear up the quarter-mile again. Matt Hirschman, a five-time and defending Tri Track champion, went to Victory Lane at Star last year.

With two dates, the return to Massachusetts and Seekonk Speedway is highly anticipated by the series, teams, drivers and fans. Seekonk will host the annual \$10,000 to win Open Wheel Wednesday event on Wednesday, June 30, and also host the Haunted Hundred on Saturday, Oct. 23.

As part of the Haunted Hundred -- for the first time -- all three races during the day will be 100 laps. Tri Track headlines the action, crowning the 2021 champion, while the stars of the Pro All Star Series (PASS) and American Canadian Tour (ACT) will also compete in their championship events during the season-finale, which will also

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Chicopee. They finished the season with a 16-6 overall record.

Because of the pandemic, there isn’t going to be a postseason tournament held this year. The Clark

\$12.50 Each

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Tournament, which is normally held during the February school vacation week, was also canceled for the first time since 1943.

“Seven of our juniors on last year’s team had an opportunity to play in the Clark Tournament,” Dextradeur said. “As seniors, they were poised and ready for another opportunity to earn a title. We’re disappointed that they will not have that unique experience this year.”

The Panthers have captured the Clark Tournament Large School title three times since 1999.

Unlike in previous seasons, Quabbin will be playing the same opponent twice during the same week.

They played their first two games of the regular season against the Gardner Wildcats.

“We understand and accept that the safest way to navigate this competitive schedule is to adhere to a home-home format,” Dextradeur said. “That is the way it needs to be done to ensure safety and protocols.”

Led by three double digit scorers, the Panthers overcame a three-point halftime deficit to defeat the Wildcats, 55-39, in the season opener for both teams played at Gardner High School on Jan. 11.

“We trailed 26-23 at halftime,” Dextradeur said. “Turnovers were a problem for us as we had nine in the first quarter and this led to transition baskets for Gardner. We needed to make a few defensive adjustments at the half on their leading scorer Lorenzo Colon (20 points) and that seemed to disrupt their offense a bit in the second half.”

The turning point of the game for the Panthers occurred when junior Connor Geary drained a

Chamberlain, Dylan Hoekstra, Croix Jenkins, and Robert Leroux.

Skowyra, who’s a co-captain of this year’s team, along with Whitelaw, posted a double-double in the season opener. He pulled down a total of 13 rebounds. Skowyra has committed to play college basketball at the University of New England, which is in Biddeford, Maine, next year.

“Shea is our most physical player,” Dextradeur said. “He has earned the nickname of ‘Manimal’ for the effort and hard work that shows up in the charges he takes and the loose ball recoveries he leads us with each game.”

Skowyra also posted another double-double with a game-high 19 points and 15 rebounds in the Panthers home opener against the Wildcats, which was a 61-43 win, three days later.

Two other Quabbin players recorded double doubles in the home opener, which was played without any fans sitting in the stands.

Geary finished the contest with 14 points and 10 rebounds and senior Devin Pride contributed with 10 points and 11 rebounds.

The other seniors listed on the Panthers varsity roster are Ryan Wagher, Ryan Kowal, Jake Sherblom, and Nick Farrell.

It’s not the first time that the Panthers have had as many as seven seniors on the varsity roster.

“We had seven seniors in 1995 when we made it to the state semifinals before losing to Greenfield at the Mullins Center,” Dextradeur said. “We also had seven seniors in 1999 when we advanced to the state finals versus East Boston, who we lost to in a close battle.”

Geary and Aiden Notarogiacomo, who’s a first-year member of the varsity team, are the only two juniors.

Rounding out the varsity squad are sophomore Cam Hoekstra, sophomore Aiden Welch, and freshman Chris Prunesti-Leveille.

The Panthers assistant coaches are Jay Ayer and Rob Hoekstra.

Listening Wellness Center announces teen programs

By Paula Ouimette
Staff writer

BARRE – Listening Wellness Center, 35 South St., has just the thing for teenagers in search of something fun to do during the cold, often dull days of February – all from the comfort of their own homes.

Listening Wellness Center has been providing virtual programs since the summer, ranging from yoga, art and music, cooking, mindfulness and more. These programs are offered at affordable costs. Scholarships are also provided through a grant from the Barre Savings Bank Charitable Foundation.

Teenagers in grades seven and up can learn the art of “Japanese Boro and Sashiko Stitching” with Thérèse Beck on Tuesdays, Feb. 2, 9, 23 and March 2, from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. The program cost is \$30. Boro and Sashiko are two Japanese hand-sewing techniques, which also embody a meditative quality, to add decorative patches to worn clothing and apparel. Boro is a series of stitched lines with patches of fabric and Sashiko is a traditional pattern created with high contrasts of thread and fabric.

Beck has always enjoyed sewing and working with her hands. After receiving a bachelor’s of fine arts in theater, she began creating costumes for museums and professional theatrical productions such as operas, and even Disney Cruise Lines princess and prince costumes. Beck is “looking forward to passing on the joy and tradition of working with various needlework disciplines.”

Jen Zehler returns to lead “Finding your Balance—Mindfulness In Real Life with Jen Zehler” on Tuesdays, Feb. 2, 9, 23 and March 2, from 4:30 to 5 p.m. for teens in grades seven to nine. This program is free. The funding for this program is generously offered by the benefactors of the nonprofit Trinity Institute for Applied Neuroscience and Spirituality (tians.us) who strongly



Here is an example of the hand-sewing techniques that teens will learn during Listening Wellness Center’s February program.



Jen Swan



Jen Zehler

believe in the value of this work. Zehler said the program will focus on “Finding Your Balance: Together we will focus on how to: Move from self-criticism to self-compassion; Cope more effectively with stress, and anxiety; Create an attitude of humility, gratitude, and acceptance of yourself and others.”

Jen Zehler is the director of the Center for Children’s Spirituality at TIANs (the Trinity Institute for Applied Neuroscience and Spirituality). She is a certi-

fied teacher and most recently worked at the national award-winning Breakthrough Magnet School in Hartford Connecticut. She received her undergraduate degree in early childhood education at New Jersey City University and her master’s degree in mindfulness studies at Lesley University. She is also a graduate of the Women’s Leadership Institute program at Hartford Seminary. She is a University of Massachusetts Medical School Qualified Mindfulness Based

Stress Reduction teacher, and has received training in Mindful Schools, and the Mindful Life curriculum. Additionally, she completed teacher training with Inward Bound Mindfulness Education, an organization that specializes in teen retreats. She has certification in Restorative Justice Circle Keeping from Planning Change, and has completed trauma training for working with youth through The Center for Adolescent Studies.

Artist Jen Swan continues her exploration of different art techniques with “Asian Ink Painting with Jen Swan” on Wednesdays, Feb. 3, 10, 24 and March 3, from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m., for teenagers in grades seven and up. The program cost is \$32. Students will develop the art of traditional and modern Asian brush painting as they learn the art of ink painting using bamboo brushes. Swan said “We will develop skills in calligraphic brushwork as we paint the four noble ones; the plum blossom, the orchid, bamboo, and the chrysanthemum and find harmony and balance in our artwork.”

Swan, a graduate of the Rhode Island School of Design, is a teaching artist and mural painter who shares her love of art with the diverse community of Worcester and its surrounding cities and towns. She currently teaches classes for the Worcester Art Museum, Think Tank and Technocopia. She is also a cultural partner in many schools and organizations teaching through MCC grants. Swan is primarily a plein air landscape painter, however, she draws influence from many themes, styles and cultures in her artwork.

For more information or to register for these events through Eventbrite, people may visit listeningwellness.org or visit Listening Wellness Center on Facebook. People may also email Listening at listeningwellnesscenter@gmail.com at least one week before classes start for scholarship details, which may also include material free of charge.

AMHERST VIRTUAL SHOW PREVIEW



Courtesy photo

The COVID-19 pandemic will not derail the annual Amherst Railway Society show at the Big E.

Annual railroad show to chug along virtually this year

By Jonah Snowden
jsnowden@turley.com

PALMER – Regular visitors of the annual Amherst Railway Show are in luck. Despite the COVID-19 pandemic, the annual show is still scheduled to take place and can be viewed from the comfort and safety of home.

David Royce, treasurer of the Amherst Railway Society, said traditionally, during the last weekend of January, the annual show gets about 20,000 visitors to the Eastern States Exposition – aka “the Big E” – train show.

In addition to the exhibits, all regular in-person meetings have been replaced by virtual show and tell programs and other events to abide by the COVID-19 pandemic safety guidelines.

On the weekend of the show, Jan. 30 to 31, anyone interested can visit amherstrail.org, where there will be vendors and manufacturers, such as Rapido Trains Inc., showcasing new products. Navigating to individual sites there will be rewarding for those looking to invest in their rail-oriented pastime.

“They’ll be giving great discounts to people who want to go back to their website,” said Royce.

“Right now, we have 75 different vendors that have signed up.”

Royce said he is looking forward to this upcoming show because it will serve as a way to promote model railroads, assist the vendors and manufacturers, as well as people who are excited and looking forward to seeing what’s new and available.

Royce also wants anyone interested in attending the show for both days to know that it’s free to attend.

“We are a nonprofit corporation,” said Royce. “We’re not opposed to donations, but it is free.”

On Jan. 30, the virtual show will take place from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on the second day. For more information, visit the railwaysociety’s website or their Facebook page.

Anyone who is interested in potentially becoming a member of the railway society are welcome.

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The Trial Court Probate and Family Court
Hampshire Division
15 Atwood Dr.
Northampton, MA 01060
(413)586-8500
Docket No. HS20P0670EA
Estate of:
William Kevin Fay
Date of Death: 6/6/2020
INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE**

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner **Karen Agnes Fay** of Ware, MA a Will has been admitted to informal probate.

Karen Agnes Fay of Ware, MA has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve **without** surety on the bond.

The estate is being administered under informal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but interested parties are entitled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration. Interested parties are entitled to petition the Court to institute formal proceedings and to obtain orders terminating or restricting the powers of

Personal Representatives appointed under informal procedure. A copy of the Petition and Will, if any, can be obtained from the Petitioner.
01/21/2021

**Notice of Public Hearing
Planning Board
LEGAL NOTICE
SP-2020-07**

NOTICE is hereby given that the Ware Planning Board, acting as the Special Permit Granting Authority, will hold a Public Hearing on **THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2020 at 7:00 PM** on the application of Frederick T. Smith III, for a Special Permit for annual renewal of an approved earth removal operation under Section 4.8.5, of the Zoning Bylaw, and pursuant to MGL Chapter 40A. The hearing will be held in the Selectmen’s Meeting Room, 126 Main Street, Town Hall, Ware, MA. The public is encourage to attend via digital platform **Zoom** Meetings. Go to <https://zoom.us/join> or join by phone. Phone Number: 929-205-6099; Meeting ID: 784-604-1861; Password: 01082.

SITE LOCATION: Greenwich Road, Ware, MA. Said premises being further described in deeds recorded in the Hampshire County Registry of Deeds, Book 10396, Page 108. Property is also Assessor Parcel 35-0-12. Zoned: Rural Residential (RR).

A complete copy of the application can be found at the Town Clerk’s office by appointment and on the Planning & Community Development Department

website under Recent Filings:

http://www.townofware.com/departments/planning_department/PlanningBoardRecentFilings.php.

Anyone interested or wishing to be heard on the application should appear at the time and place designated. All interested parties are invited to attend.

WARE PLANNING BOARD
Richard Starodaj, Chairman
01/14, 01/21/2021

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Hampshire Probate and Family Court
15 Atwood Drive
Northampton, MA 01060
(413)586-8500
Docket No. HS21P0022EA
Estate of: Irene Kulas
Date of Death: 10/26/2020
CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION**
To all interested persons:

A Petition for **Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by **Joseph C. Knight** of Ware, MA requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that: **Joseph C. Knight** of Ware, MA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond in an **unsupervised** administration.
IMPORTANT NOTICE

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 a.m. on the return day of **02/17/2021**.

This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.

UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC)

A Personal Representative appointed under the MUPC in an unsupervised administration is not required to file an inventory or annual accounts with the Court. Persons interested in the estate are entitled to notice regarding the administration directly from the Personal Representative and may petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of administration.

WITNESS, Hon. **Linda S Fidnick**, First Justice of this Court.

Date: January 09, 2021
Michael J. Carey
Register of Probate
01/21/2021

**Massachusetts
The Superior Court
Harry Jekanowski, Jr .
Clerk of Courts
Hampshire County
Superior Court
15 Gothic Street
P.O. Box 1119
Northampton, MA 01061
Docket No. 2080CV00073
Abare, Mark vs.
Fuller, Priscilla
ORDER OF NOTICE
BY PUBLICATION
RE:**

Fuller, Priscilla
WHEREAS a civil action has been begun against you in our Superior Court by Mark Abare wherein it is seeking to: Enter a Civil Judgment against you.

We **COMMAND YOU** if you intend to make any defense, that on **02/03/2021** or within such further time as the law allows you do cause your written pleading to be filed in the office of the Clerk of Court named above, in said Commonwealth, and further that you defend against said suit according to law if you intend any defense, and that you do and receive what the Court shall order and adjudge therein.

Hereof fail not, at your peril, or as otherwise said suit may be adjudged and orders entered in your absence.

It appearing to this Court that no personal service of the Complaint has been made on the defendant a deputy sheriff having made a return on the summons that after diligent search he can find no one upon whom he can lawfully make service, a copy of which is hereto attached and made part of this notice, it is

ORDERED that notice of this suit be given to them by publishing, once a week for three successive weeks, the last publication to be at least 20-days before said return day in the:

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**(SEAL)
COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
LAND COURT
DEPARTMENT OF THE TRIAL COURT
21 SM 000028
ORDER OF NOTICE**

TO:
Heirs, Devisees or Legal Representatives of the Estate of Claire C. Daigle, Ernest J. Daigle, Jr., Douglas Daigle, Bruce Daigle, Michelle A. Auclair, Mark J. Daigle, Michael E. Daigle, Pamela J. Cappel and to all persons entitled to the benefit of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act, 50 U.S.C. c. 50 § 3901 et seq.

Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A. as Trustee for Mortgage Assets Management Series I Trust claiming to have an interest in a Mortgage covering real property in **Ware**, numbered **21 Old Belchertown Road**, given by Claire C. Daigle to Financial Freedom Senior Funding Corporation, a Subsidiary of Indymac Bank, F.S.B., dated May 7, 2008, and recorded or filed in Hampshire County Registry of Deeds

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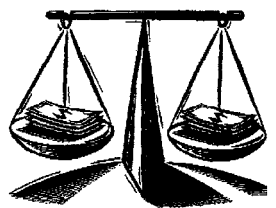
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in Book 9483, Page 134, and now held by Plaintiff by assignment, has/have filed with this court a complaint for determination of Defendant’s/Defendants’ Servicemembers status.

If you now are, or recently have been, in the active military service of the United States of America, then you may be entitled to the benefits of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act. If you object to a foreclosure of the above-mentioned property on that basis, then you or your attorney must file a written appearance and answer in this court at **Three Pemberton Square, Boston, MA 02108** on or before **2/22/2021** or you may lose the opportunity to challenge the foreclosure on the ground of noncompliance with the Act.

Witness, GORDON H. PIPER, Chief Justice of this Court on 1/6/2021.

Attest:
Deborah J. Patterson
Recorder
01/21/2021



Please check the accuracy of your legal notice prior to submission (i.e., date, time, spelling). Also, be sure the requested publication date coincides with the purpose of the notice, or as the law demands. Thank you.

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ESTATE TO BE ASSIGNED FOR
UNPAID TAXES

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Town of Ware

Office of the Town Treasurer Erica Brunell

The owners of the hereinafter described parcel of land situated in the Town of Ware in the County of Hampshire and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and to all concerned:

You are hereby notified that on **February 11, 2021 at 10:00 o'clock A.M.** local time in Ware Town Hall, 126 Main Street, Ware, MA 01082 in the Great Hall, pursuant to the provisions of General Laws, Chapter 60 §52 and by virtue of the authority vested in me as Treasurer, it is my intention to assign and transfer the Tax Title held by the Town of Ware covering the following described parcels to the highest bidder at public auction, for all taxes thereon with interest and all necessary and intervening charges of any balance of said taxes, unless the same has been paid in full before that date. All of the parcels described below will be bundled and sold as one unit to the highest bidder. The minimum bid for the unit will be the aggregate amount of taxes, interests and fees due on the accounts for the properties that remain on the list below on the day of the Auction. In the event that there are multiple parties bidding the same price, the person recognized first by the Treasurer will be selected as high bidder in accordance with standard auction procedures. All Bidders must pre-register by 3:00 PM on January 28, 2021 (fourteen days before the auction). To pre-register please contact the Treasurer's Office at (413) 967-9648 X 121.

Balance Due as of February 11, 2021
Parcel ID: 9-0-27 **\$515.39** plus applicable fees
Location: HILLSIDE TR
Assessed Owner: PARK, DAVID

A TAX LIEN PERFECTED ON 12/16/19 SECURING ABOUT 0.45 ACRES OF LAND WITH ANY BUILDINGS LOCATED AT HILLSIDE TR BEING DESIGNATED ON ASSESSOR'S PLAN AS MAP 9 BLOCK 0 LOT 27 AND NOW OR FORMERLY OWNED BY SAID PARK, DAVID.

Balance Due as of February 11, 2021
Parcel ID: 9-0-30 **\$2,068.98** plus applicable fees
Location: HILLSIDE TR
Assessed Owner: PARK, DAVID A.

A TAX LIEN PERFECTED ON 11/9/2018 SECURING ABOUT 0.509 ACRES OF LAND WITH ANY BUILDINGS LOCATED AT HILLSIDE TR BEING DESIGNATED ON ASSESSOR'S PLAN AS MAP 9 BLOCK 0 LOT 30 AND NOW OR FORMERLY OWNED BY SAID PARK, DAVID A.

Balance Due as of February 11, 2021
Parcel ID: 22-0-66 **\$13,514.03** plus applicable fees
Location: 3 Crescent St
Assessed Owner: Regienus Inc

A TAX LIEN PERFECTED ON 12/16/2019 SECURING ABOUT 0.63 ACRES OF LAND WITH ANY BUILDINGS LOCATED AT 3 CRESCENT ST BEING DESIGNATED ON ASSESSOR'S PLAN AS MAP 22 BLOCK 0 LOT 66 AND NOW OR FORMERLY OWNED BY SAID REGIENUS, INC.

Balance Due as of February 11, 2021
Parcel ID: 28-60-3 **\$2,792.76** plus applicable fees
Location: CRESCENT ST
Assessed Owner: WETTELAND, DONNA M.

A TAX LIEN PERFECTED ON 1/29/2020 SECURING ABOUT 2.80 ACRES OF LAND WITH ANY BUILDINGS LOCATED AT CRESCENT ST BEING DESIGNATED ON ASSESSOR'S PLAN AS MAP 28 BLOCK 60 LOT 3 AND NOW OR FORMERLY OWNED BY SAID WETTELAND, DONNA M.

Balance Due as of February 11, 2021
Parcel ID: 28-60-4 **\$2,952.52** plus applicable fees
Location: CRESCENT ST
Assessed Owner: WETTELAND, DONNA M.

A TAX LIEN PERFECTED ON 1/29/2020 SECURING ABOUT 4.34 ACRES OF LAND WITH ANY BUILDINGS LOCATED AT CRESCENT ST BEING DESIGNATED ON ASSESSOR'S PLAN AS MAP 28 BLOCK 60 LOT 4 AND NOW OR FORMERLY OWNED BY SAID WETTELAND, DONNA M.

Balance Due as of February 11, 2021
Parcel ID: 36-0-28 **\$3,617.02** plus applicable fees
Location: GILBERTVILLE RD
Assessed Owner: LEMANSKI, JOHN & BARBARA; C/O YOUR DEAL SOURCE INC

A TAX LIEN PERFECTED ON 12/16/2019 SECURING ABOUT 6.00 ACRES OF LAND WITH ANY BUILDINGS LOCATED AT GILBERTVILLE RD BEING DESIGNATED ON ASSESSOR'S PLAN AS MAP 36 BLOCK 0 LOT 28 AND NOW OR FORMERLY OWNED BY SAID LEMANSKI, JOHN & BARBARA; C/O YOUR DEAL SOURCE INC.

Balance Due as of February 11, 2021
Parcel ID: 39-26-1 **\$5,956.39** plus applicable fees
Location: 91 OLD POOR FARM RD
Assessed Owner: RICHARDS, SHARON L

A TAX LIEN PERFECTED ON 12/18/2017 SECURING ABOUT 2.497 ACRES OF LAND WITH ANY BUILDINGS LOCATED AT 91 OLD POOR FARM RD BEING DESIGNATED ON ASSESSOR'S PLAN AS MAP 39 BLOCK 26 LOT 1 AND NOW OR FORMERLY OWNED BY SAID RICHARDS, SHARON L

Balance Due as of February 11, 2021
Parcel ID: 40-17-3 **\$869.56** plus applicable fees
Location: CAMPBELL RD
Assessed Owner: PIKE, WILLIAM G III & MURPHY, K C/O THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON

A TAX LIEN PERFECTED ON 12/18/17 SECURING ABOUT 0.191 ACRES OF LAND WITH ANY BUILDINGS LOCATED AT CAMPBELL RD BEING DESIGNATED ON ASSESSOR'S PLAN AS MAP 40 BLOCK 17 LOT 3 AND NOW OR FORMERLY OWNED BY SAID PIKE, WILLIAM G III & MURPHY, K C/O THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON

Balance Due as of February 11, 2021
Parcel ID: 56-0-57 **\$6,831.69** plus applicable fees
Location: 72 PULASKI ST
Assessed Owner: BARNABY, JESSE M.
A TAX LIEN PERFECTED ON 1/29/2020 SECURING ABOUT 0.06 ACRES OF LAND WITH

ANY BUILDINGS LOCATED AT 72 PULASKI ST BEING DESIGNATED ON ASSESSOR'S PLAN AS MAP 56 BLOCK 0 LOT 57 AND NOW OR FORMERLY OWNED BY SAID BARNABY, JESSE M.

Balance Due as of February 11, 2021
Parcel ID: 60-0-101 **\$29,776.50** plus applicable fees
Location: 23 ASPEN ST
Assessed Owner: BOGDAN J. AND MARIA MITASZKA, C/O POLONIA RE HOLDINGS LLC
A TAX LIEN PERFECTED ON 7/18/2012 SECURING ABOUT 0.085 ACRES OF LAND WITH ANY BUILDINGS LOCATED AT 23 ASPEN ST BEING DESIGNATED ON ASSESSOR'S PLAN AS MAP 60 BLOCK 0 LOT 101 AND NOW OR FORMERLY OWNED BY SAID BOGDAN J. AND MARIA MITASZKA, C/O POLONIA RE HOLDINGS LLC

Balance Due as of February 11, 2021
Parcel ID: 60-0-163 **\$13,196.42** plus applicable fees
Location: 74 WEST MAIN ST
Assessed Owner: FOX, LAURETTE F LIFE ESTATE AND FOX, RODNEY A
A TAX LIEN PERFECTED ON 11/18/2016 SECURING ABOUT 0.126 ACRES OF LAND WITH ANY BUILDINGS LOCATED AT 74 WEST MAIN ST BEING DESIGNATED ON ASSESSOR'S PLAN AS MAP 60 BLOCK 0 LOT 163 AND NOW OR FORMERLY OWNED BY SAID FOX, LAURETTE F LIFE ESTATE AND FOX, RODNEY A

Balance Due as of February 11, 2021
Parcel ID: 60-0-173 **\$34,415.68** plus applicable fees
Location: 37 EDDY ST
Assessed Owner: SYMONS-FENNIMORE, TINA
A TAX LIEN PERFECTED ON 05/29/2015 SECURING ABOUT 0.516 ACRES OF LAND WITH ANY BUILDINGS LOCATED AT 37 EDDY ST BEING DESIGNATED ON ASSESSOR'S PLAN AS MAP 60 BLOCK 0 LOT 173 AND NOW OR FORMERLY OWNED BY SAID SYMONS-FENNIMORE, TINA

Balance Due as of February 11, 2021
Parcel ID: 60-0-183 **\$796.92** plus applicable fees
Location: 7 STORRS ST
Assessed Owner: PERRY, ELIZABETH E
A TAX LIEN PERFECTED ON 11/9/2018 SECURING ABOUT 0.043 ACRES OF LAND WITH ANY BUILDINGS LOCATED AT 7 STORRS ST BEING DESIGNATED ON ASSESSOR'S PLAN AS MAP 60 BLOCK 0 LOT 183 AND NOW OR FORMERLY OWNED BY SAID PERRY, ELIZABETH E

Balance Due as of February 11, 2021
Parcel ID: 62-36-1 **\$980.44** plus applicable fees
Location: CRESCENT ST
Assessed Owner: RIM, CHANTHIEN
A TAX LIEN PERFECTED ON 10/20/2020 SECURING ABOUT 1.65 ACRES OF LAND WITH ANY BUILDINGS LOCATED AT CRESCENT ST BEING DESIGNATED ON ASSESSOR'S PLAN AS MAP 62 BLOCK 36 LOT 1 AND NOW OR FORMERLY OWNED BY SAID RIM, CHANTHIEN

Balance Due as of February 11, 2021
Parcel ID: 56-0-28 **\$37,287.57** plus applicable fees
Location: 65 WEST ST
Assessed Owner: PISZCZEK, BERNARD & MILDRED
A TAX LIEN PERFECTED ON 03/12/2013 SECURING ABOUT 0.307 ACRES OF LAND WITH ANY BUILDINGS LOCATED AT 65 WEST ST BEING DESIGNATED ON ASSESSOR'S PLAN AS MAP 56 BLOCK 0 LOT 28 AND NOW OR FORMERLY OWNED BY SAID PISZCZEK, BERNARD & MILDRED

Balance Due as of February 11, 2021
Parcel ID: 13-0-3 **\$4,738.50** plus applicable fees
Location: 113 SCZYGIEL RD
Assessed Owner: SODERGREN, CYNTHIA F
A TAX LIEN PERFECTED ON 12/18/2017 SECURING ABOUT 11.395 ACRES OF LAND WITH ANY BUILDINGS LOCATED AT 113 SCZYGIEL RD BEING DESIGNATED ON ASSESSOR'S PLAN AS MAP 13 BLOCK 0 LOT 3 AND NOW OR FORMERLY OWNED BY SAID SODERGREN, CYNTHIA F

Balance Due as of February 11, 2021
Parcel ID: 60-0-94 **\$11,930.73** plus applicable fees
Location: 29 ASPEN ST
Assessed Owner: ELIZONDO, LUIS G
A TAX LIEN PERFECTED ON 12/18/2017 SECURING ABOUT 0.107 ACRES OF LAND WITH ANY BUILDINGS LOCATED AT 29 ASPEN ST BEING DESIGNATED ON ASSESSOR'S PLAN AS MAP 60 BLOCK 0 LOT 94 AND NOW OR FORMERLY OWNED BY SAID ELIZONDO, LUIS G

Balance Due as of February 11, 2021
Parcel ID: 22-0-65 **\$4,787.06** plus applicable fees
Location: CRESCENT ST
Assessed Owner: DUVAL, WILLIAM R.
A TAX LIEN PERFECTED ON 12/18/2017 SECURING ABOUT 0.815 ACRES OF LAND WITH ANY BUILDINGS LOCATED AT CRESCENT ST BEING DESIGNATED ON ASSESSOR'S PLAN AS MAP 22 BLOCK 0 LOT 65 AND NOW OR FORMERLY OWNED BY SAID DUVAL, WILLIAM R.

Balance Due as of February 11, 2021
Parcel ID: 1-0-20 **\$1,497.02** plus applicable fees
Location: JIM ASH ROAD
Assessed Owner: ESTATE OF JOHN CLARK AND ESTATE OF STEPHANIE CLARK
A TAX LIEN PERFECTED ON 12/16/2019 SECURING ABOUT 3.90 ACRES OF LAND WITH ANY BUILDINGS LOCATED AT JIM ASH ROAD BEING DESIGNATED ON ASSESSOR'S PLAN AS MAP 1 BLOCK 0 LOT 20 AND NOW OR FORMERLY OWNED BY SAID ESTATE OF JOHN CLARK AND ESTATE OF STEPHANIE CLARK

Balance Due as of February 11, 2021
Parcel ID: 9-0-28 **\$1,990.43** plus applicable fees
Location: HILLSIDE TR
Assessed Owner: PARK, DAVID A
A TAX LIEN PERFECTED ON 11/9/2018 SECURING ABOUT 0.439 ACRES OF LAND WITH ANY BUILDINGS LOCATED AT HILLSIDE TR BEING DESIGNATED ON ASSESSOR'S PLAN AS MAP 9 BLOCK 0 LOT 28 AND NOW OR FORMERLY OWNED BY SAID PARK, DAVID A.

Balance Due as of February 11, 2021
Parcel ID: 52-1-2 **\$271.94** plus applicable fees

Location: 3 BRIAR CIRCLE
Assessed Owner: BELCO CONSTRUCTION CO. INC.
A TAX LIEN PERFECTED ON 10/20/2020 SECURING ABOUT 0.46 ACRES OF LAND WITH ANY BUILDINGS LOCATED AT 3 BRIAR CIRCLE BEING DESIGNATED ON ASSESSOR'S PLAN AS MAP 52 BLOCK 1 LOT 2 AND NOW OR FORMERLY OWNED BY SAID BELCO CONSTRUCTION CO. INC.

Balance Due as of February 11, 2021
Parcel ID: 55-1-11 **\$355.78** plus applicable fees
Location: 12 WILDFLOWER DR
Assessed Owner: BELCO CONSTRUCTION CO. INC.
A TAX LIEN PERFECTED ON 10/20/2020 SECURING ABOUT 0.81 ACRES OF LAND WITH ANY BUILDINGS LOCATED AT 12 WILDFLOWER DR BEING DESIGNATED ON ASSESSOR'S PLAN AS MAP 55 BLOCK 1 LOT 11 AND NOW OR FORMERLY OWNED BY SAID BELCO CONSTRUCTION CO. INC.

Balance Due as of February 11, 2021
Parcel ID: 5-0-18 **\$973.24** plus applicable fees
Location: 28 BACON RD
Assessed Owner: ELLSWORTH H. BAKER
A TAX LIEN PERFECTED ON 10/20/2020 SECURING ABOUT 5.60 ACRES OF LAND WITH ANY BUILDINGS LOCATED AT 28 BACON RD BEING DESIGNATED ON ASSESSOR'S PLAN AS MAP 5 BLOCK 0 LOT 18 AND NOW OR FORMERLY OWNED BY SAID ELLSWORTH H. BAKER

Balance Due as of February 11, 2021
Parcel ID: 7-0-9 **\$2,899.26** plus applicable fees
Location: 189 RIVER RD
Assessed Owner: WILLIAM K. FAY & KAREN A. FAY
A TAX LIEN PERFECTED ON 10/20/2020 SECURING ABOUT 1.00 ACRES OF LAND WITH ANY BUILDINGS LOCATED AT 189 RIVER RD BEING DESIGNATED ON ASSESSOR'S PLAN AS MAP 7 BLOCK 0 LOT 9 AND NOW OR FORMERLY OWNED BY SAID WILLIAM K. FAY & KAREN A. FAY

Balance Due as of February 11, 2021
Parcel ID: 22-37-2 **\$4,355.15** plus applicable fees
Location: 1 WALKER RD
Assessed Owner: HEIRS OF JEAN E. BROOM
A TAX LIEN PERFECTED ON 10/20/2020 SECURING ABOUT 1.39 ACRES OF LAND WITH ANY BUILDINGS LOCATED AT 1 WALKER RD BEING DESIGNATED ON ASSESSOR'S PLAN AS MAP 22 BLOCK 37 LOT 2 AND NOW OR FORMERLY OWNED BY SAID HEIRS OF JEAN E. BROOM

Balance Due as of February 11, 2021
Parcel ID: 61-0-42 **\$2,365.35** plus applicable fees
Location: 8 10 DALE ST
Assessed Owner: HEIRS OF JEAN E. BROOM
A TAX LIEN PERFECTED ON 10/20/2020 SECURING ABOUT 0.13 ACRES OF LAND WITH ANY BUILDINGS LOCATED AT 8 10 DALE ST BEING DESIGNATED ON ASSESSOR'S PLAN AS MAP 61 BLOCK 0 LOT 42 AND NOW OR FORMERLY OWNED BY SAID HEIRS OF JEAN E. BROOM

Balance Due as of February 11, 2021
Parcel ID: 41-19-4 **\$1,489.55** plus applicable fees
Location: OLD GILBERTVILLE RD
Assessed Owner: DANIEL P. LAVALLEY & BETHANN D. LAVALLEY
A TAX LIEN PERFECTED ON 10/20/2020 SECURING ABOUT 1.38 ACRES OF LAND WITH ANY BUILDINGS LOCATED AT OLD GILBERTVILLE RD BEING DESIGNATED ON ASSESSOR'S PLAN AS MAP 41 BLOCK 19 LOT 4 AND NOW OR FORMERLY OWNED BY SAID DANIEL P LAVALLEY & BETHANN D. LAVALLEY

Balance Due as of February 11, 2021
Parcel ID: 61-0-100 **\$830.33** plus applicable fees
Location: 17 SPRING ST
Assessed Owner: CHRISTOPHER M. LAPOINTE & SAMANTHA M. SIMONDS; SUBSEQUENT OWNER: YAHAIIRA BAEZ
A TAX LIEN PERFECTED ON 10/20/2020 SECURING ABOUT 0.39 ACRES OF LAND WITH ANY BUILDINGS LOCATED AT 17 SPRING ST BEING DESIGNATED ON ASSESSOR'S PLAN AS MAP 61 BLOCK 0 LOT 100 AND NOW OR FORMERLY OWNED BY SAID CHRISTOPHER M. LAPOINTE & SAMANTHA M. SIMONDS; SUBSEQUENT OWNER: YAHAIIRA BAEZ

Balance Due as of February 11, 2021
Parcel ID: 10-0-46 **\$10,731.37** plus applicable fees
Location: 300 PALMER RD
Assessed Owner: KEITH J. KRUCKAS
A TAX LIEN PERFECTED ON 10/20/2020 SECURING ABOUT 1.39 ACRES OF LAND WITH ANY BUILDINGS LOCATED AT 300 PALMER RD BEING DESIGNATED ON ASSESSOR'S PLAN AS MAP 10 BLOCK 0 LOT 46 AND NOW OR FORMERLY OWNED BY SAID KEITH J. KRUCKAS

Balance Due as of February 11, 2021
Parcel ID: 61-0-269 **\$2,072.84** plus applicable fees
Location: 49 PARK AVE
Assessed Owner: JOSEPH S. JAMILOWSKI
A TAX LIEN PERFECTED ON 10/20/2020 SECURING ABOUT 0.17 ACRES OF LAND WITH ANY BUILDINGS LOCATED AT 49 PARK AVE BEING DESIGNATED ON ASSESSOR'S PLAN AS MAP 61 BLOCK 0 LOT 269 AND NOW OR FORMERLY OWNED BY SAID JOSEPH S. JAMILOWSKI

Balance Due as of February 11, 2021
Parcel ID: 59-0-110 **\$1,021.28** plus applicable fees
Location: 50 WAREBROOK DR
Assessed Owner: ANDREW FRITSCHER

A TAX LIEN PERFECTED ON 10/20/2020 SECURING ABOUT 0.06 ACRES OF LAND WITH ANY BUILDINGS LOCATED AT 50 WAREBROOK DR BEING DESIGNATED ON ASSESSOR'S PLAN AS MAP 59 BLOCK 0 LOT 110 AND NOW OR FORMERLY OWNED BY SAID ANDREW FRITSCHER

Balance Due as of February 11, 2021
Parcel ID: 56-0-65 **\$791.60** plus applicable fees
Location: 15 WEBB CT
Assessed Owner: US BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, TRUSTEE FOR RESIDENTIAL

ASSET SECURITIES CORPORATION, HOME EQUITY MORTGAGE ASSET-BACKED PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2005-EMX2

A TAX LIEN PERFECTED ON 10/20/2020 SECURING ABOUT 0.17 ACRES OF LAND WITH ANY BUILDINGS LOCATED AT 15 WEBB CT BEING DESIGNATED ON ASSESSOR'S PLAN AS MAP 56 BLOCK 0 LOT 65 AND NOW OR FORMERLY OWNED BY SAID GO AMERICA LLC A CALIFORNIA LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY; NATALIA & TOMASZ KRAWCZYK

Balance Due as of February 11, 2021
Parcel ID: 60-0-162 **\$546.18** plus applicable fees
Location: 70 WEST MAIN ST
Assessed Owner: MARTIN O ST.GERMAIN & RHODA D. ST.GERMAIN; SUBSEQUENT OWNERS: NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE LLC.; RICHARD CLARK
A TAX LIEN PERFECTED ON 10/20/2020 SECURING ABOUT 0.12 ACRES OF LAND WITH ANY BUILDINGS LOCATED AT 70 WEST MAIN ST BEING DESIGNATED ON ASSESSOR'S PLAN AS MAP 60 BLOCK 0 LOT 162 AND NOW OR FORMERLY OWNED BY SAID MARTIN O ST.GERMAIN & RHODA D. ST.GERMAIN; SUBSEQUENT OWNERS: NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE LLC.; RICHARD CLARK

Balance Due as of February 11, 2021
Parcel ID: 8-4-7 **\$4,850.67** plus applicable fees
Location: 28 MORIARTY RD
Assessed Owner: HEIRS OF SHEILA PERRAULT
A TAX LIEN PERFECTED ON 10/20/2020 SECURING ABOUT 0.58 ACRES OF LAND WITH ANY BUILDINGS LOCATED AT 28 MORIARTY RD BEING DESIGNATED ON ASSESSOR'S PLAN AS MAP 8 BLOCK 4 LOT 7 AND NOW OR FORMERLY OWNED BY SAID HEIRS OR SHEILA PERRAULT

Balance Due as of February 11, 2021
Parcel ID: 56-0-35 **\$1,856.27** plus applicable fees
Location: 35 WEST ST
Assessed Owner: PDS REAL ESTATE AQUISITIONS
A TAX LIEN PERFECTED ON 10/20/2020 SECURING ABOUT 0.31 ACRES OF LAND WITH ANY BUILDINGS LOCATED AT 35 WEST ST BEING DESIGNATED ON ASSESSOR'S PLAN AS MAP 56 BLOCK 0 LOT 35 AND NOW OR FORMERLY OWNED BY SAID PDS REAL ESTATE AQUISITIONS

Balance Due as of February 11, 2021
Parcel ID: 60-0-76 **\$437.74** plus applicable fees
Location: 18 20 ASPEN ST
Assessed Owner: BRIAN P MCMENIMEN; SUBSEQUENT OWNER: POLONIA REAL ESTATE HOLDINGS LLC

A TAX LIEN PERFECTED ON 10/20/2020 SECURING ABOUT 0.10 ACRES OF LAND WITH ANY BUILDINGS LOCATED AT 18 20 ASPEN ST BEING DESIGNATED ON ASSESSOR'S PLAN AS MAP 60 BLOCK 0 LOT 76 AND NOW OR FORMERLY OWNED BY SAID BRIAN P MCMENIMEN; SUBSEQUENT OWNER: POLONIA REAL ESTATE HOLDINGS LLC.

Balance Due as of February 11, 2021
Parcel ID: 60-0-176 **\$88,019.46** plus applicable fees
Location: 29 EDDY ST
Assessed Owner: QUEENIE O GILES
A TAX LIEN PERFECTED ON 11/9/2018 SECURING ABOUT 0.179 ACRES OF LAND WITH ANY BUILDINGS LOCATED AT 29 EDDY ST BEING DESIGNATED ON ASSESSOR'S PLAN AS MAP 60 BLOCK 0 LOT 176 AND NOW OR FORMERLY OWNED BY SAID QUEENIE O GILES

Balance Due as of February 11, 2021
Parcel ID: 52-0-40 **\$8,753.16** plus applicable fees
Location: 4 THIRD AVE
Assessed Owner: PAUL & ROSE BRADWAY
A TAX LIEN PERFECTED ON 12/16/2019 SECURING ABOUT 0.11 ACRES OF LAND WITH ANY BUILDINGS LOCATED AT 4 THIRD AVE BEING DESIGNATED ON ASSESSOR'S PLAN AS MAP 52 BLOCK 0 LOT 40 AND NOW OR FORMERLY OWNED BY SAID PAUL & ROSE BRADWAY

Balance Due as of February 11, 2021
Parcel ID: 62-0-79 **\$699.81** plus applicable fees
Location: 72 EAGLE ST
Assessed Owner: OSCAR RAMOS
A TAX LIEN PERFECTED ON 12/10/2020 SECURING ABOUT 0.33 ACRES OF LAND WITH ANY BUILDINGS LOCATED AT 72 EAGLE ST BEING DESIGNATED ON ASSESSOR'S PLAN AS MAP 62 BLOCK 0 LOT 79 AND NOW OR FORMERLY OWNED BY SAID OSCAR RAMOS

Balance Due as of February 11, 2021
Parcel ID: 56-0-19 **\$545.66** plus applicable fees
Location: 104 WEST MAIN ST
Assessed Owner: ROXAN J ALLEN
A TAX LIEN PERFECTED ON 12/10/2020 SECURING ABOUT 0.57 ACRES OF LAND WITH ANY BUILDINGS LOCATED AT 104 WEST MAIN ST BEING DESIGNATED ON ASSESSOR'S PLAN AS MAP 56 BLOCK 0 LOT 19 AND NOW OR FORMERLY OWNED BY SAID ROXAN J ALLEN

Balance Due as of February 11, 2021
Parcel ID: 6-8-5 **\$20,369.07** plus applicable fees
Location: 259 MALBOEUF RD
Assessed Owner: MEGHAN M PEDDLE & JEFFREY M MICHALSKI; JOHN M PRENOSIL
A TAX LIEN PERFECTED ON 11/12/2018 SECURING ABOUT 2.037 ACRES OF LAND WITH ANY BUILDINGS LOCATED AT 259 MALBOEUF RD BEING DESIGNATED ON ASSESSOR'S PLAN AS MAP 6 BLOCK 8 LOT 5 AND NOW OR FORMERLY OWNED BY SAID MEGHAN M PEDDLE & JEFFREY M MICHALSKI; JOHN M PRENOSIL

Balance Due as of February 11, 2021
Parcel ID: 61-0-5 **\$957.67** plus applicable fees
Location: 114 MAIN ST
Assessed Owner: E.R.A DEVELOPMENT, LLC
A TAX LIEN PERFECTED ON 11/12/2020 SECURING ABOUT 0.15 ACRES OF LAND WITH ANY BUILDINGS LOCATED AT 114 MAIN ST BEING DESIGNATED ON ASSESSOR'S PLAN AS MAP 61 BLOCK 0 LOT 5 AND NOW OR FORMERLY OWNED BY SAID 114MAIN LLC

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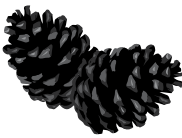
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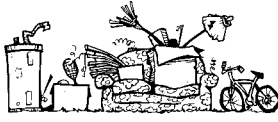
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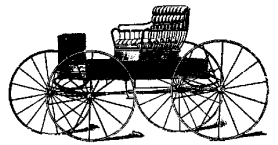
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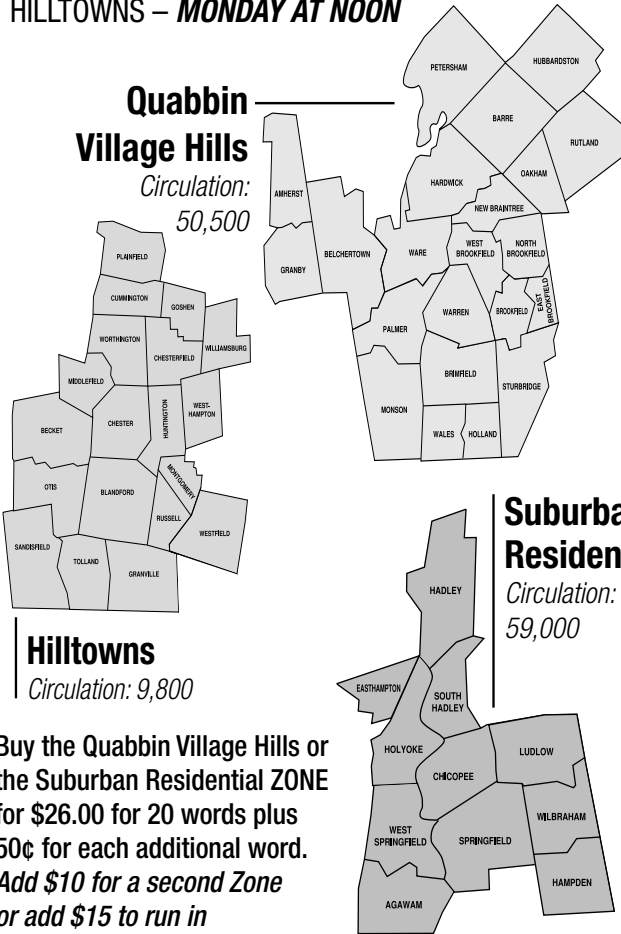


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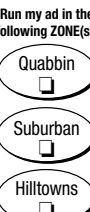
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